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back at poll tax criticism

Shetland leads way with the lowest rate

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister will today launch a defiant defence of the poll tax and attempt to reassure alarmed Conservatives in Westminster and the country.

As Mrs Thatcher prepared to face down her critics at the party's local critics at the party's local government conference in London today, she was given ammunition to jususy her position when Wandsworth council set a poll tax figure £23 below

the Whitehall target. The Wandsworth community charge will not, however, be the lowest in Britain. That will be the £127.30 to be levied in the Shetland Isles, although the area's small population and the presence of the North Sea oil installations mean Shetland is widely regarded as a one-off case.

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## Lyons letter to Thatcher

Sir Jack Lyons, a defendent in the Guinness affair trial, wrote in the Prime Minister asking hat the company's bid for the Distillers group should not be referred to the monopolies [ withorner, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday. ate: Mrs Thatcher accepted us invitation to a lunch with cading industrialists ... Page 3

## New leader

Vales play their first interligional match under Ren Alleron, their new coach. then they meet Scotland at and A win for Scotland Vill keep them on course for he grand siam ...... Page 49

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The average charge in Scot-land this year will be £328, a rise of £27 over last year. The highest is in Edinburgh, where the capital's population will pay £438, £46 more than last year; and the lowest on the mainland is in Sutherland, at

The charges for other cities include £338 in Glasgow, from £306 last year; £305 in Aberdeen, up £1; and £336 in Dundee, a £12 increase.

There was more bad news for the Conservatives yesterday when the former Mayor

Two boroughs Special cases Scotland's lessons.

in Brighton followed the example of 18 West Oxfordshire councillors and resigned the party whip.
As the town council pre-

pared for a second all-night attempt to fix its community charge, Mr Robert Crisofoli The party is committing It is time the Prime Minister gang of lemmings realised that the country should come first". He said the Tories faced being "slaughtered" in the local government elections in May.

With a Labour lead of 18.5 points in the latest opinion poll and the Government facing serious economic difficulties, Mrs Thatcher will today be making one of her most crucial speeches since becoming Prime Minister.

Ministers are, however, braced for a barrage of criticism. The revolt around England continued yesterday, even reaching the Prime Minister's home town of Grantham. There, 10 Conservatives demanded that council cash reserves be used to trim £18 from the £278

charge, but were defeated. In Langbaurgh, Cleveland, Conservative absences left Labour councillors in a majority of one on the finance committee, and they proceeded to refuse to recommend a community charge, voted to abolish the tax and

to Mrs Thatcher. A council spokesman said "this slight council set a £356 community

eral election on the issue. Mr David Hunt, the Minister for Local Government, led the chorus of approval for Wandsworth, bailing its announcement as a "superb" result. He compared the figure with neighbouring Labour-controlled Lambeth, which he claimed was charging £650, and said: "We have seen how Labour's policy in London is the highest charge they can get alway with. Wandsworth's charge is an exemplification of Conservative policy - the lowest consistent with a proper level of service."

But the Wandsworth figure was derided by senior Labour politicans as an futile attempt to take pressure off the Govpolitical suicide over the tax. ernment. While other London boroughs paid into the safety net. Wandsworth received £2

million in safety net grant. Mr David Blunkett, the Opposition spokesman local government, accused the Government of manipulating the grant system to to reward councils such as Wandsworth while punishing everyone else. "It is little more than political bribery," he said.

As Conservative MPs returned to their constituencies, succession of the Prime Minister's most senior colleagues sought to steady the party's nerve by highlighting the record of high-spending Labour-controlled councils.

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said in Portsmouth that councils had to get their spending under control. While it was always difficult changing to a new system, the logic of the government would ever

#### community charge was irrefutable. It was better that everyone paid something and without such a system it was unlikely that sensible local

Curb on pilots' hours will raise air fares

least 7 per cent as scheduled

airlines throughout Europe are forced to employ an additional 3,800 pilots at a a year to meet new regulations limiting flying hours now being proposed by the European Commission.

Airlines were only told of the new proposals in detail last week and immediately warned that if they are adopted schedules could be thrown into chaos and many small airlines

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent Air fares will have to rise by at could fold. The proposals are in a draft regulation due to be discussed by the Council of Ministers in June, and could he become law by the summer cest of more than £320 million and be in full effect within the next two years.

The change would reduce the number of hours pilots could fly to no more than eight in any one day and 720 hours in a full year - 25 per cent below the strict limits already imposed by the Civil Aviation Authority.

# Thatcher hits Royal praise for Glasgow's cultural heritage



Glasgow greeting: The Queen being welcomed at Central Station yesterday by the Lord Provost, Mrs Susan Baird, at the start of a day of royal pageantry.

Israeli Prime Minister, yes-

US aid and the issue of Jewish

settlements in occupied land.

A spokesman for him denied,

however, that the censorship

# Israelis censor settler reports

By Richard Owen, Gilo, Israel, and Martin Fletcher, Washington

Israel imposed censorship yesterday on news items relating to Soviet immigration, as tensions with its Arab neighbours and the United States rose over the continuing flow of Jews into the occupied

The US has threatened to curtail aid over the influx of Jews into disputed territory in the belief that it threatens prospects for peace talks.

The Bush Administration has said it will give Israel \$400 million (£239 million) in

housing-loan guarantees, to settle Soviet Jews, only if it terday rejected the linkage of receives binding assurances that the immigrants will not be settled in the occupied territories, Mr James Baker,

Political crossfire.. Leading article.

the US Secretary of State, said this week. Earlier he said Moscow had "genuine con-cern" that Israel would settle Soviet Jews in the West Bank. Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the

rules were being imposed because of any "political motivation". The step had been taken because of "threats by various Palestinian organizations against immigration and immigrants". Officials said yesterday that

Israel was anxious to ensure that the flow of immigrants migration to Israel proper.

was not impeded, and to find sufficient funds to give them jobs and housing. Mr Shamir regards the influx of Soviet Jews as one of the "greatest blessings" since Israel was founded in 1948. On Monday,

flow of Soviet immigrants, and Israeli officials fear that speculation over the high numbers of Jews going to Israel could undermine im-

**Proud title** handed on By Kerry Gill Glasgow's celebration as

European City of Culture will leave a lasting legacy to the spirit of Europe, the Queen said during a visit to mark the official handover of the title from Paris.

Speaking at a civic lunch attended by M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, the Queen said it was clear that Glasgow, which the industrial revolution had made famous throughout the world, was still demonstrating an internat-Continued on page 16, col 8

# S&N finally routs Australian rival

By Angela Mackay

ers of McEwans beer and 1988. Kestrel lager, yesterday won its two-year campaign to remove Elders IXL, the Australian owners of Courage breweries, from its share

Elders, chaired by the la-conic Mr John Elliott, not only failed to take over the Edinburgh-based S&N last year, but vesterday showed a loss of about £90 million on the sale of its 23 per cent stake in terms of a Monpolies and

Mergers Commission roling Mr Alick Rankin, the chairman of S&N who has been an outspoken critic of Elders' tactics, said he was "naturally delighted" with the sale, adding: "We got the solution we were looking for and now its business as usual.

Elders, brewers of Fosters lager, began stalking S&N two BA costs fears, page 4 | before launching a £1.6 billion ize Scotland".

Scottish & Newcastle, brew- bid for its rival in October,

Frustrated in 1986 when he failed to buy Allied Lyons, Mr Elliot toned down his beerswilling, chain-smoking image and promised to try to win the support of shareholders and the powerful Scottish lobby.

Elders' loss

He also promised to base Elders' enlarged global brew-

ing empire in Edinburgh. But the Scots had heard it all before. Guinness made similar overtures when it bid for Distillers Corporation in 1986 and made no move to change the location of its head office after the battle was won.

The Scottish lobby dug in, aided by a market which wanted a higher offer. Labels were pasted upside-down on S&N beer bottles in protest years ago, slowly building up a and many took umbrage at Mr stake of almost 15 per cent Elliott's attempts to "Foster-

keen that Britain should fol-

low the rest of the European

Community and put its

clocks back in September

rather than October, but was

not pressing for complete

# Revitalising the Highlands.

an Arab League delegation

arrives in Moscow to persuade

Soviet leaders to reduce the

One of the many surprising tional crofting lifestyle - bring- and security of land tenure facts about the Highlands and ing extremes of poverty to the compounded the problem, and

Islands Development Board (HIDB) is that it still 1965, when the HID! up by the Labour gov the prevailing attitud gional development different to what it is a Those were the my nalist days of cent and policies and tribution of job intervention to

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bundred years. In the last century t lation of the Highl well beyond the capa very marginal land the inhabitant in



# Scots pressure holds back the clock By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Crichton-Miller: Britain

Ministers are to postpone further discussion of whether British time should be harmonized with the rest of Europe because they fear it will embroil the Government in yet more controversy. The Government, which at

one stage mildly favoured the proposal, intended to allow MPs a free vote on the issue over the next few weeks to pave the way for a possible time-changing Bill in the next parliamentary session. Harmonization would mean clocks going one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time in

winter and two hours in summer. The new system, technically known as "singledouble summer time" would mean lighter summer evenings and darker winter mornings, with the biggest changes felt in the North of England and in Scotland,

ried about the hostility harmonization has provoked in Scotland and the Government's generally embattled position, believe the question should be delayed. Senior Whitehall sources

However, ministers wor-

said yesterday Brussels was

Mr Angus Crichton-Miller, chairman of the Daylight Action Group, which has been pressing for Britain to Europeanize" its time, said: We are very disappointed that the Government has

harmonization.

decided to prevaricate." He said independent research indicated that har-Continued on page 16, col 2



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# Personal plea to Thatcher in takeover war



Sir Jack Lyous: "A senior and julineutial City figure."

A defendant in the Guinness tants to Guinness. Mr Olivier which the Distillers company affair trial wrote to the Prime Roux, Guinness's former fi- agreed to sell off certain company's bid for the Distillers group should not be referred to the monopolies present establishment at ally because I am concerned authorities, it was disclosed in Guinness should not be there, with the fact the right steward-

And within five weeks of present. the Department of Trade and Industry beginning its investigation into the takeover, she accepted his invitation to a high-powered lunch with leading industrialists, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Sir Jack Lyons's letter asked for an "even-handed decision", his barrister Mr Robert Harman, QC, told the later the bid was cleared.

the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, Gerald Rousen, chairman of Heron International, and the stockbroker Anthony Pames deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

Mr Harman said that about five weeks after the Department of Trade and Industry began its inquiry, the Prime Munister attended a lunch at Sir Jack's invitation at Bain nance director, agreed that brands so that any fear of UK was the case, adding that she competition was eliminated. had stipulated that the "I am writing to you person-Guinness should not be there. with the fact the right steward-Leading industrialists were ship for the Scottish whisky

Turning to the letter, Mr jonal matter, more at this time Harman said it was sent on than ever during your leader-March 3, 1986, days after Guinness decided to make a second bid for Distillers. The next one to three days, should first had been dropped after not be left to the Office of Pair being referred to the Monopo- Trading or a junior Departlies and Mergers Commission.

The letter said: "Despite the:

fact that 90 per cent of Scotch whisky goes overseas, Mr court; and about two weeks. Saunders's hopes were dashed when the company's bid for Sir Jack: Ernest Saunders, Distillers was referred. It seems to have been based on the narrow issue of sales in the UK. The opposing bidder, Argyll pic, were not referred as. they are a supermarket group whose experience of the liquor business and especially inter-national export is at the cheap end of the market.

Gerald Ronson, '50, "Guinness withdrew their original bid and proceeded to unch a new bid which not only contained terms more. favourable to the shareholders of Distillers, but was one in

ship of the Secretary of State.
"I do therefore hope that you take steps that will lead to an even-handed decision."

Mr Harman explained that because the then Secretary of State, Mr Paul Channon, was a member of the Guinness industry is an important natfamily, he had handed responsibility for the issue to Mr. so. Perhaps you could tele-Geoffrey Pattie ship, and that the next de-The Prime Minister replied cision probably due within the two days later that the de-

casion was not a "collective" government" one, but a matter for Mr Pattie. The reply said "Paul Channon has, as you say,

Ernest Saunders, aged 54, of Complanies Act: two of false faces two charges of conspir ing to contravene the Preven-tion of Fraud (Investments) Act; two of authorizing or London, faces five charges of permitting Guinness to contra-vene the Companies Act, eight

Skr Jack Lyons, 74, of engington, west London, ices one charge of conspiring. pasties Act; one of aiding Sounders to permit Guinness

Geoffrey Pattie. I feel that Geoffrey Pattie should know the contents of your letter, but as you marked the envelope private and personal I would not want to pass it to him unless you wished me to to do

phone my office if you would like this to be done." Sir Jack replied that he did not object to the suggestion, the court was told. Then within about a fortnight Guinness was notified that

referred," Mr Harman said. Questioned by Mr Harman, Mr Roux said he had seen a draft of the letter, but did not recall the answer to it.

He agreed that the decision not to refer the bid was welcomed with a sigh of relief. "It meant we could go on and try to win, as opposed to being subject to the whims of the political process."

Mr Harman said the "unreferral" of the bid had been on everybody's mind. Mr. Saunders and another Guinness director, Mr Thomas Ward, believed Sir Jack's intervention had been "cru-

delegated this particular de-cision to the minister of state 

Earlier, Mr Harman said Sir Jack was a a benefactor of the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and chairman of the London Symphony Orchestra Trust, who had been knighted in 1973 for public and charitable services and services to

> "He was also a senior and influential City figure with a great many friends in the world of industry and commerce. He moved in highranking political circles with friends on both sides of the political divide," Mr Harman

their second bid should not be Mr Saunders, who was not an uncritical man; regarded Sir Jack as a top-notch manager of money. "He was a very important man to have on your side," Mr Harman said.

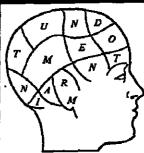
"Yes," Mr Roux said. Later, Mr Roux told Mr John Chadwick, QC, for the prosecution, that he had seen the draft of Sir Jack's letter at the Gunness offices

Mr Chadwick asked: "Was there any Guinness input into the drafting?"

Yes, the letter was reviewed by Mr Saunders," Mr Roux told him.

The case continues on

## **NEXT WEEK**



TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

 Do you know the difference between pannage and pansophy? If you do, or know where to find the answer, then you should pencil a reminder in your diary

for next Tuesday. That is the first day of The **Times Tournament of** the Mind, played over 20 rounds with questions devised and marked by Mensa.

 Queues will form outside libraries, housework will stay undone and puzzle aficionados will stay home, wrestling wih logic, numeracy, and general knowledge. This third annual trial of

intellect has become almost an obsession for some, and the rewards are more than the satisfaction of meeting a challenge. The winner receives £5,000. The winning school team receives a computer.

 This year, for the first time, every entrant will receive a special certificate. Those who score above a certain

level of points will receive a personalized bronze, silver or gold certificate. The top 100 entrants take part in the final five rounds,

beginning on April 23. To make the search for the winner even more exciting, the top 10

individual scorers from the finals will be invited to London to take part in a play-off final against the clock.

 Last year's winner. Andrew Johnston, will be defending his title and offers this tip for fellow contestants: "The key is defining precisely what the problem is."

As a taster, try this: What is the species name of the largest monitor lizard? The answer, if you need it, is on page 14

# Duchess is sued by **Barclays**

Barclays Bank has launched a High Court legal action against Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, over a £26,000 debt.

It says the Duchess, aged 77, whose second marriage to the 11th Duke of Argyll ended in divorce in 1963, is overdrawn on her current account at its Piccadilly branch.

In a writ issued in the Queen's Bench Division, the bank says that on November 20 last year the Duchess, of Cliveden Place, Belgravia, west London, was overdrawn by £24,715,34".

This figure included money lent to her and interest on it. The bank says it has made a formal demand for repayment but has received nothing Since then interest of £1,231.19 has been added to the debt, bringing it to £25,946.53 at the beginning of this month.

The writ says that sum will continue to grow by £12.79 a day, with interest at 3 per cent above the bank's base rate, until judgement of its claim or payment.

There were no valid claims in

# Two years for man who tried to sell stolen works of art

By Sarah Jane Checkland and David Sapsted

An Irishman who tried to sell gradually introduced but nevsome of the world's finest er seen. They included a paintings, stolen from the Beit Guardi, Metsu and a Goya. Collection in a £30 million arts theft in 1986, was sentenced to two years in prison at Southwark Crown Court in London yesterday.

Detectives said that the conviction brought them no nearer to solving Ireland's biggest art theft, which took the client was the IRA, place at the home of Sir Alfred Naughton said "No, but they Beit, the South African diare big time art thieves." amond magnate, in County

The 17 paintings stolen included Velasquez's "Kit" chen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus", Frans Hals "The Lute Player", Vermeer's "The etter Writer" and the portrait of "Dona Antonio Zarate" by the raid and police in Turkey are questioning a Scotsman about the robbery following the discovery of another pic-

ture a few days ago. John Naughton, aged 48, ormerly of Dublin, admitted stly handling stolen goods from the Beit Collecion. Mr Anthony Leonard, ting told the court that Natighton was trusted "by well-organized, bigh-level thickly with disposing of some of the collection.

New September 1 and 1 and 1 and 1 Antique Squad in May last year after it was contacted by Mr Tesvor Henry Hallwood, a London art dealer. He was apparatched by Naughton in March 1988 and was initially of a Gainsborough painting with £400,000 (assumed

Naughton went to see the dealer one day, told him to cancel whatever he was doing, as they had to move quickly to Geneva where the chent was would be £500,000, he said.

When Mr Hallwood asked if

The dealer had taped a conversation with Naughton. He offered to telephone the icked, saying that, if he did they would both be killed. Mr Peter Feinberg, delend

ing, told the court that Naughton was a "Walter no profit from the venture whatsoever. "He was a fish completely out of water at the end of the line. He's an extremely naive man and this was a completely unreal world for him," counsel said.

Judge Robert Taylor said: "I accept that you are somebody who in the past has been a hard worker and a decent and honest man. I also accept that you are a Walter Mittyish character who was naive and very much out of your depth.

"The difficulty I have in your case is that you acted on behlaf of professional thieves to dispose of extremely valuable paintings when a great deal of money is at stake. "It is because people like

you lend yourself to this type of conduct that thieves are enabled to reap the proceeds to be "The Cottage Girl". A of this type of professional group of 13 pictures were crime."



# Inspector takes stock of the flood of claims



Mr Shann Lloyd, an insurance claims inspector, making his way through the streets of Towyn yesterday as a few residents returned to check the damage.

**Deception charges** 

# Woman cheated council and companies out of £900,000

by sending back bills submitted to the council and claiming that the companies owed her money, Southwark Crown Court, south London, was told vesterday.

Naviet Riley, a clerk, duped Camden Council in London out of £37,000 and went on to secure credit worth hundreds of thousands of pounds after dishonestly obtaining mortgages and reversing standing orders, it was said.

She also extracted huge sums from British Telecom and the Electricity Board by resubmitting their bills. British Telecom sent her a cheque

Over nine months, Riley, a mother of two children, duped the Eastern Electricity Board by claiming it owed her £79,000 for an "electrical sub-station" in her back garden; claimed that British Telecom owed £500,000 for a "damage claim"; took a cheque from

A woman council worker British Telecom paid to Cam-cheated companies and rate-den Council for £32,000 for of the altered cheques was payers out of nearly £900,000 road repairs by changing the refused by two banks. payee's name to her own; made Camden pay for £30,000 worth of renovations to her house by paying the builder with a council cheque; and falsely obtained mortgages on

two properties to a value of £254,000 from Lloyds Bank and IMF Financial Services. £893,000 worth of credit she secured, only £32,000 so far remains unrecovered.

Riley, an administrative assistant with Camden Comcil's information technology department, received a threeyear prison sentence. She committed the offences while serving a suspended 12-month prison sentence for theft and false accounting.

Mr Andrew Coleman, for the prosecution, said that David Longmore, aged 26, who was living with Riley, had received an 18-month suspended sentence four weeks ago for mortgage frauds.

She was arrested at her home in Nelson Mandela Close, Tottenham, north Lon-Riley's defence counsel Michael Haynes said his client

encountered prejudice at work. For an intelligent and However, of the total of articulate" person, she was under-employed at the council, "completely wasted in her iob". He also said that she had a chip on her shoulder. Judge James Halnan told

"You're an intelligent Riley: young lady and you knew exactly what you were doing. It seems you were motivated by resentment, possibly, and

Riley admitted four charges of deception, one of theft, one of obtaining property by deception and false accounting between November, 1988, and July last year. Six other charges were left on file not to be proceeded with.

# Sadness and stench as residents return

Mrs Lynn Lawrence, with wearing Mr Derrick Overtears in her eyes, returned throw, aged 61, feared his yesterday to what remained of nursery business, built up over her home, devastated by the floods that poured through the sea wall at Towyn, Clwdy.

"It is heart-breaking, sad. Everything is wrecked," she said. Walls were stained by the retreating flood water, carpets and bedding lay in a tangled, water-logged heap and permeating everything was the stench of damp and filth.

Other flood victims returning to inspect their homes were met by equally devastating sights.

The area had first been checked by gas, electricity and water board engineers.

There was no immediate prospect of householders from the most severely affected areas returning permanently to their homes.

Some less severely affected decided to move back and begin the daunting job of making their homes habitable

The flood struck so suddenly few families had any than the clothes they were losses."

38 years had been wiped out He put his losses at £250,000. "I have had a good cry this morning and I don't think I have cried for 40 years."

Mr Gary Pickup, aged 31, and his wife Jacklyn, aged 28, opened the door of their bungalow in Kinmel Bay and were met by an appalling stench. "The place is absolutely wiped out," he said.

Meanwhile repair work on the seawall at Towyn continued yesterday against a forecast for the weekend of yet more gales.

• The Prince of Wales has made a donation to a fund set up to help the flood-hit north Wales coast after his flying visit to the area on Thursday. The fund, set up by Colwyn Borough Council, has topped £100,000.

The council said: "The Prince was particularly concerned about the number of families who did not have chance to escape with more insurance to cover their

## PORTFOLIO

yesterday's Portfolio Platinum competition, so the prize money on Monday will be doubled up to £4,000.

# Late hitch for adventurers.

By Ruth Gledhill

An international expedition

icross Antarctica with a Britsh navigator could lose its ace against time and face pending the bitter polar winer at an isolated Russian base. The six-man team and its logs are scheduled to arrive oday at the Mirnyy base at he Queen Mary coast, where

and television journalists is waiting its arrival. The journalists, too, face a ossible winter at the base if

in international team of print

he team fails to arrive. Mr Geoff Somers, a carpenof from Kennick, Cumbria, rossing of the polar cap.

riles from its destination, but 25 not been able to move for

as so far successfully naviated the first-ever dossled The team is a frastrating 13

it is these last few miles that boyang they will get there."

howling 50 to 60 mph winds, blizzards and invisible 150 ft deep crevasses brought the team to a standstill. The men survived a crisis

yesterday morning after Mr Keizo Funatsu, the Japanese team member and dog handier, who was lost in the be able to reach them. blizzard with the dogs for 14 hours without a tent, was around the continent each found in the early hours by a Russian truck sent from the than usual and a second, hase to rescue him.

Yesterday, the team was sitting out the snowstorms. The weather is so bad that even the Russian truck, which is fitted with radar equipment, stayed pul

The organizer, Mrs Cathy de Moll, executive director of International Polar Expeditions, said: "There is concern that they will have trouble finishing on time. But we are

have become treacherous as Live broadcasts around the world are scheduled for 11.30am today, when the team is due to arrive.

However, even if the team arrives at the base on time, the ice-breaker meant to ship them out on the first leg of their journey home may not The ice pack which freezes

winter has closed in earlier stronger ice-breaker is up to 20 days away and by the time it arrives may not be able to get through. Organizers are now consid-

ering using a seven-seater Soviet plane to fly the journalists and the adventurers out. Another alternative is for the men. dogs and journalists to risk taking a sled across the ice pack to the expedition's research ship, waiting on the

# while flight hits first-day snag

By Peter Davenport

When Mr Brian Edwards guided his Tiger Moth biplane down the runway of the RAF base at Binbrook in Lincolnshire yesterday it was to be the start of a marathon journey to Australia in memory of the father he never knew, a wartime bomber pilot lost in action on a mission from the same airfield.

The first leg of the 15,000mile flight, however, ended rather sooner than planned.

After less than two hours the yellow aircraft, named Matilda, lost its propeller over the Kent countryside and Mr told would be rescuers: "I Edwards, a physiotherapist don't need any help. I only aged 49, crash-landed in a need directions to the nearest Headcorn Airlield, near Ashford.

field two miles from the pub." Apart from a deat in his



Mr Edwards: Asked way to the nearest public house. told would-be recovers: "I

After being interviewed by police Mr Edwards made a detailed inspection of his airpride, he was minjured and, in craft, which had a damaged true air force wartime spirit, wing and a broken crankshaft, continue his adventure.

He began the journey to his home in Perth, Western Australia, from Binbrook in honour of his father, Pilot Officer Clifford Edwards of the Royal Australian Air Force, who was reported missing on a Lancaster bomber raid from the base almost 50

He had been on a missio over Cologne with the RAAF Squadron 460 when his plane disappeared. The fate of the aircraft and its crew remains

Pilot Officer Edwards had been born in England but emigrated to Australia as a child. His son inherited his love of flying.

On his trip, Mr Edwards planned to raise £100,000 for charity. Engineers are now assessing whether the plane can be repaired.

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## **NEWS ROUNDUP**

# Owen in attack on Gorbachov

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP and a former Foreign Secretary, launched an astonishing attack on Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, last night and accused Mrs Thatcher of falling for KGB propaganda which attempts to

portray him as a democrat.

In a speech in Cardiff which puts him out of step with almost every senior politician in Britain and western Europe, Dr Owen claimed that Mr Gorbachov's good press was due to the fact that "the KGB is more successful in provided by the senior successful in Senior Seni

moulding Western opinion than Soviet opinion". Dr Owen said: "Mr Gorbachov is not a democrat and we should stop pretending that he is. No one gets to the top of the greasy pole in the Soviet Union only to hand over power to the people. He is using the Communist Party to assume

the powers of a dictator greater than some past Czars."

The SDP leader said that there was no prospect of a market economy in the Soviet Union and that it was only economic considerations which had led to the relaxation of the Soviet grip on the Warsaw Pact countries.

## Blood theft sentence

A motorist who agreed to give blood at a police station after a breath test proved positive was handed both blood samples in mistake by the police who should have kept one for analysis, Chichester Crown Court was told yesterday. When Peter Hamsher, aged 27, of Byron Close, Bognor Regis, left the police station he poured both samples away. Hamsher pleaded guilty to committing an act likely to pervert the course of justice and the theft of a better specimen. He was given a three-month jail sentence

Man ran gun factory

A former UDR soldier was convicted at Belfast Crown Court yesterday of running a loyalist arms factory at his engineering works. Samuel McCoubrey, aged 47, a self-taught engineer, of Dunmore Road, Spa, Ballynahinch, Co Down, will be sentenced next Friday after he was convicted of seven charges relating to the production of sten guns and component parts for Uzi-type sub-machine guns. Two other men will be sentenced with him.

# Tougher GCSE soon

Changes will make the GCSE tougher over the next four years, Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told the annual meeting of the Governing Bodies Association of the independent schools yesterday (Our Education Editor writes). The examination had been widely accepted, but some worries remained, he said. Syllabuses from 1994 would require higher standards: "It will be very demanding."

Classics report, page 5

# Three Graces' delay

A government decision on whether to permit the export of Canova's statue "The Three Graces" has been put off for a further three weeks. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in a Commons written reply that he had deferred until April 4 the decision on the application for a licence to export the statue to the Getty Museum in California. An earlier time limit was due to expire at midnight on March 12.

# Highlighting hedges

Scottish farmers are to be encouraged to improve the management of their hedgerows by taking part in a competition to discover the best examples across the country (Kerry Gill writes). The contest, promoted by the Farming, Forestry and Wildlife Advisory Group, aims to highlight the need to encourage good hedgerow management to enhance the attraction of the countryside. Examples of good hedgerows are considered few and far between.

# Legal action threat over Cairo tragedy

in Cairo have threatened legal action against the hotel and criticised the Egyptian emergency services for their slow response to the tragedy in which at least 16 people died.

Three British fashion journalists, a nurse and an elderly American couple, who arrived at Gatwick airport yesterday, all talked of inadequate fire precautions at the luxury botel.

As they headed for home, the husband of Mrs Janet Parker, editor and publisher of magazine, flew to the Egyptian and watching. It was capital. Mrs Parker, aged 42, of Northwood in Middlesex, is and no fire alarms." among three women still miss-

Miss Marion Hume, aged ought to be called to account. You assume that an international hotel would confrom to certain international standards. This one was only up to the very low local Egyptian look good."

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Survivors of Thursday night's ones. The lack of alarms and

Although the fire is thought to have started in a bread oven in the kitchen adjoining a tent serving as the hotel coffee shop, it has been rumoured to be the work of Muslim fundamentalists.

Another British journalis Miss Susan Irvine, aged 28, of Women's Journal magazine said that the fire destroyed the control panel which should have set off the alarm.

"I saw a kuge flash as the tent went up. There were Cosmetics International people just standing around magazine, flew to the Egyptian and watching. It was a shambles - there were no exit lights

William and Beatta Hayton, ing from a party of 23 British of Chicago, described how they stepped on several bodies as they struggled down six 27, who writes for the Sunday flights of stairs with wet towels round their heads.

"There was no proper escape route from the hotel," Mr Hayton said. "The fire services did not turn up for an hour. The firefighting did not

# Cost-sharing hope for the Channel Tunnel

The financial obstacles standing in the way of building the Channel Tunnel rail link could be overcome by sharing the costs of construction, and the additional capacity, between domestic and international rail ser-

vices, it was claimed yesterday. Public investment in the new link, although prohibited under section 48 of the 1987 Channel Tunnel Act, could receive government approval on the ground that it would also provide the additional capacity needed to relieve congestion on the busy commuter lines in Kent,

informed sources say.

Although all capital investment by British Rail must satisfy the Treasury's stringent "eight per cent return" requirement, Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, has already conceded in

principle that this rule might be relaxed "on social and economic grounds".

would have to be sanctioned by a clause in the proposed Channel Tunnel Rail Bill, granting an excep-

In a letter to Sir Robert Reid in December, Mr Parkinson said that where "investment cannot meet the eight per cent test, I shall want a cost-benefit evaluation to be carried out ... to enable me to decide whether capital grants would be justified on wider social and economic grounds."

The "cost benefit" concession could enable Mr Parkinson to grant approval for some public invest-ment in a new rail link in Kent, which could be shared by commute services, and the planned Channel Tunnel inter-capital services be-Approval for such investment

tween London, Paris and Brussels. would probably still violate the legal prohibition against subsidizing in-ternational passenger services, and tion where investment also leads to improvements in domestic services, informed sources say.

However, in order to guarantee safe passage for the proposed legisla-tion, the Government would also have to abandon its "hands off" approach towards the project, and take on the responsibility of promoting a hybrid Bill in place of the planned private Bill.

The change of tactic would enable the Government to marshal party discipline to "neutralize" the antici-pated 1,000 objections against the private Bill, due to be submitted in Parliament in November, which many seasoned observers believe will obstruct its passage through

A hybrid Bill, which, unlike a

private Bill, can be submitted to Parliament at any time in the legislative timetable, would provide greater flexibility. However, it would be tantamount to an admission that the Government's cherished objective of encouraging the private sector to take the lead in new transport infrastructre projects

is "fraught with difficulties". The legislative and financial obstacles confronting the troubled Channel Tunnel rail link are now so "overwhelming" that they can only be resolved with a substantial infusion of public funds, and a decision by Government to take the initiative in the legislative process, the source added.

Although final costings for the link, especially for the revised overland route from Swanley into central London, will not be available until April. Officially, Trafalgar

House acknowledges "there are some difficulties" financing the £3.5 billion route, together with the £1.1 billion needed to upgrade the existing route. But it remains adamant they can be overcome, giving the company "something like an 18 per cent return on our investment".

Nearly 44 million passengers a year are expected to ravel through the Channel Tunnel by 2003, ten years after its opening, Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Public Trans-ter of the Change of the port, forecast yesterday in a Commons written reply.

However, an attempt to lift the bar on the Government giving cash aid for British Rail's high speed link through Kent to the tunnel was blocked in the Commons. The Channel Tunnel Act (Amendment) Bill, launched by Mr Robert Adley, AR for Christchurch failed to gain MP for Christchurch, failed to gain

# Inquiry is launched to track down NI millions

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

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made in 1988/89, far below

Two internal department

reports in 1987 and 1989 found that the National In-

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ment and a lack of meaningful

performance targets.

Mr Bourn said: "Addition-

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the target of 200,000.

An inquiry has been launched department had a backlog of to identify employers sus-pected of withholding from vestigated which: the Government hundreds of had incorrect or incomplete millions of pounds in Nat-

ional Insurance contributions. The National Audit Office, the independent public spending watchdog, said yesterday that a lack of skilled staff to conduct checks and evasion by some employers suggested large-scale undercollection of contributions". It also disclosed that it will carry out its own investigation, although it surance inspectorate had inadmay be hampered by a lack of powers to inspect the records kept by employers and the

Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, has esti-mated that up to £1 million a the training of inspectors and day in NI contributions are a deep sense of frustration. being lost because of a lack of The reports also suggested proper controls on employers.

said: "Significant doubts now these controls to ensure ion of contributions." contributions received are materially complete and accurately calculated."

Insurance Fund accounts.

urity. They are also left to The Commons public ac-calculate statutory sick pay counts committee is to take and maternity pay.

that, because of the lack of Yesterday, in a report, Mr skilled resources to deal eff-John Bourn, Comptroller and ectively with non-compliance Auditor General at the NAO, and because of deliberate evasion by some employers, there exist about the effectiveness of was a large-scale undercollect-His report said that errors in

paying unemployment benefits led to £55 million in His findings led him to underpayments last year and qualify last year's National £38 million in overpayments. Mr Michael Meacher, the

Employers are required to Labour social security spokeswork out contributions for man, described the NAO's staff and pay these to the report as an indictment of the Inland Revenue or the Government's record as a Department of Social Sec
steward of public funds.

evidence from Whitehall of-

# Play becomes a double family affair



Chekhov check: Cyril Cusack, the veteran actor, with his daughters (from left), Niamh, Sinead and Sorcha; and, below, Vanessa and Lyan Redgrave.





Chekhov's Three Sisters is becoming more than a literary family affair. Two of the great stage families are taking nepo-tism to the boards with the play (Simon Tait writes).

Cyril Cusack is to star in it in Dublin with his daughters, Sinead, Niamh, and Sorcha, it was announced yesterday.

On Monday the Redgrave family is also to stake its claim to the Russian classic. Vanessa Redgrave, her sister Lynn and Vanessa's daughter, Joely Richardson, will announce that they will be in a West End production in Novembe

Their version of the Russian drama is to have an even more signant aspect. It is the first time the sisters have appeared will be directed by Robert Sturus, the Russian director of Rastaveli Theatre in Tbilisi,

# BAe plants vote for return to work

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The long and damaging strike in support of a 37-hour week which has crippled the British Aerospace plant at Chester for 18 weeks, causing a severe setback to the Airbus programme, ended yesterday when workers voted by three to two to

return to work on Monday.

There will also be a return to work at the company's Preston plant where a recommendation to accept a deal was accepted during a stormy meeting at which union cards were torn up and demands made for the resignation of local union leaders.

Both plants will immediately introduce a one-hour cut in the present 39hour week with a further hour reduction next year. The company said yesterday that the agreement meant the reduced working week would be self financing and involve changes in working

In spite of the settlement at Chester, which makes wings for Airbus, BAe may still face a claim from the other partners in Airbus Industrie for £70 million as

compensation to the consortium for company's 32,000 workforce - snubbed

Because of the dispute, which came at a time when Airbus was challenging Boeing to become market leader, it will be at least a year before production rates return to normal at the Airbus final assembly plant in Toulouse.

Production which had been running at about 11 aircraft a month has been cut to one. Monday's return to work is likely to involve the company in a huse overtime payments bill as it gears up to recover lost ground. The settlement, hailed as a break-

through by union leaders in their campaign to extend the 37-hour working week throughout the British engineering Wildcat strikers who have caused the loss of nearly £270 million worth of production at Ford yesterday refused to

end their unofficial strike and go back to work (Kevin Eason writes). The 550 craftsmen - unwilling to take

their own national union officials who asked them to go back to allow a full return to the assembly lines by 11,000 workers, laid off for seven weeks as a result of the dispute. Ford will now go ahead with calling

back 8,000 production workers at the Halewood plant on Merseyside in a move to break the craftsmen's strike. Although a small group of workers, the craftsmen carry out vital maintenance and repair tasks which allow assembly lines to run smoothly.

The 8,000 Halewood men sent home because maintenance could not be carried out will now be asked to allow managers to carry out the jobs of the craftsmen when they are called back to work from Monday.

Mass meetings tomorrow will decide whether to answer the company's call to cross picket lines, set up by the Amalgamated Engineering Union crafts-men, so that the huge Halewood plant the pay deal accepted by the rest of the can start operating again.

EC air crew proposals

# BA says costs will soar if hours cut

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

that it would have to take on crew at a cost of £53 million if new European regulations limiting air crews' flying time are introduced.

The airline would also find itself competing for staff with every other European airline at a time when the industry is suffering from a desperate shortage of trained crews.

The rules would mean, for example, that the Heathrow to for a single crew. Charter airlines and small airlines such as Virgin Atlantic which rules. mainly operate long-haul services would be particularly hadly hit.

Air Europe calculates that the proposals would force it to increase its pilots by 55 per cent and that its European subsidiary, Air Europa, would have to find 70 per cent more

flight deck crew. The European Commission is, however, determined to press ahead with the proposals which are part of a move to harmonize standards through-

out the Community.

Mr Karl-Heinz Neumeister, Secretary General of the Association of European Airlines which represents the scheduled carriers, said in Brussels yesterday: "This has come a terrible shock to us. It is an astonishing proposal which is based on ignorance and which we can neither understand nor tolerate.

He claimed that airlines had not been consulted about the

members have to find between 25 and 50 per cent more pilots at a time when we have a great shortage anyway.

"I have already written to the Commissioner explaining that this is exactly counter to the drive they are making towards reducing air fares within Europe by increasing can be brought down and year.

British Airways, which em-ploys 2,732 pilots, estimates can only put them up." The pilots' union Balpa, an additional 600 flight deck admitted that their "eyebrows were raised" when they saw

the proposals in detail. Mr Freddie Yetman, Balpa's technical secretary, said: "We were asked for our comments and in principle are very much in favour of reduced hours. We have been constantly plagued by pilots suffering from exhaustion and fatigue and have complained in the past that the Civil Chicago route would be too far Aviation Authority has given in to commercial pressure too by much in drawing up its own

> "Nonetheless I must admit that we raised our eyebrows when we saw the proposals in detail because they will obviously be restricting in terms of the airlines' activities."

> The proposals are contained in a draft regulation submitted by Mr Karl Van Miert, Transport Commissioner in Brus-sels. If passed by the Council of Ministers, it would immediately become European law and would not have to ratified by national parliaments.

The ruling, he says, should ? cover all commercial air services, including charter flights which now account for half the passengers carried in the

community. Although the plans only relate to pilots, the com-mission says that it will be submitting "as quickly as possible" regulations on cabin staff aimed at reducing their

duty times too. in December the CAA in-"It is going to mean that my troduced a set of regulations governing pilots' flying hours to come into force in May which crews claimed were too lenient and airlines too tough. Under the new British regulations pilots were limited

to no more than 55 hours in any one week, 95 in any twoweek period and 900 in a year, within Europe by increasing the EC proposals limit the competition. They are asking duty to eight hours a day, 200 for liberalization so that fares hours a quarter or 720 hours a

# **PARLIAMENT**

# Labour MPs angered by Tory blocking tactics

Labour MPs backing a Bill to provide compensation for ex-Servicemen suffering from cancer resulting from nuclear tests angrily attacked the Government and some Conservative backbenchers for adopting tactics to prevent the Bill being debated.

They said that the men or their widows would not understand the "parliamentary games" being played. Appeals to the Chair and the moving of a procedural motion to end a debate so that the compensation Bill could be considered all failed.

The Bill to require developers to get The Bill to require developers to get planning permission before demolishing houses took all the time allowed for debating private Members' measures, but also failed to get through after Mr Michael Spicer, Minister of State for the Environment, had made clear that the Government opposed it. Its sponsor, Mr John Wilkinson (Ruisip, Northwood, C) had indicated his willingness to curtail debate on his Bill so that time would be available for the Radiation Ex-

posed Crown Employees (Benefits) Bill. But other Conservative MPs kept the debate going. During Mr Spicer's speech, Mr Jennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) called for an immediate vote on the planning Bill. He alleged that the minister was "stretching the thing out" and that it seemed that the whips had brought in . other Tory MPs "to talk even more".
This was despite the fact that Mr

Wilkinson had suggested that the compensation Bill should have a reasonable time for discussion. Mr Spicer denied that he had strayed off course".

Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab), sponsor of the compensation Bill, said that many people would not understand these parlimentary games. The ex-Servicemen and their families had enormous hopes of his Bill. They would be appalled if the House did not pass it and even more appalled

if it was not even discussed. It was about people dying or who feared dying, who could not wait two years or 10 years to have their point of

Mr Wilkinson said that he was prepared to forgo any right to wind up the debate on his Bill, and, to Labour cheers, sought to close the debate. The Deputy Speaker (Sir Paul Dean) said that he was not prepared to accept the closure motion (loud Labour protests).

Mr Roland Boyes, for the Opposition, said that Conservative MPs were trying to talk the Bill out. Many people had been affected by nuclear tests. "We are simply trying to give them adequate compensation." After further protests, the closure was carried by 81 votes to three, but as fewer than the 100 MPs required had voted in favour, the motion fell and the debate continued until time ran



Mr Wilkinson: Unprincipled practices forced old people out.

When Mr Hugo Summerson (Walthamstow, C) started to speak. Mr Skinner said that all members of Lloyds ought to declare an interest before speaking because the Bill being blocked involved compensation so it ould not be in the interest of Lloyds

Moving the second reading of his Bill, Mr Wilkinson said that it would make it obligatory to apply for planning permission before demolishing a dwelling house. ing a dwelling house.

People could not comprehend why planning permission was required before a householder could initiate relatively minor changes, whereas to turn that home by demolition into waste ground was "unrestrainedly permissible". Unprincipled practices had been used to force out elderly people and to break up happy communities in inner city streets of basically sound houses to make space for high-rise flats and other blots on residential urban landscapes which deserved to be cherished, not buildneed

cherished, not bulldozed. The purpose of the Bill accorded with the Government's much-vaunted desire to protect the environment, and the Government's reaction to it would be seen by the public as a touchstone of its environmental intentions.

Mr Jeremy Hanley (Richmond and Barnes, C) said that there was no logic in allowing an individual to make up to 10 per cent alteration to his property without the need for planning consent, or 100 per cent alteration by knocking it down. Why was consent needed for be-

not when it amounted to total alteration by demolition? Mr Ian Stewart (North Hertfordshire, C) feared that the Bill would slow down an already arthritic plan-ning process. It would create, if not a

tween 10 per cent and 99 per cent, but

areas, a third tier to discourage Mr Spicer said that the rights of

private property owners within the planning system had to be considered. Was it right to restrict an owner from

demolishing a property in a poor state of repair or which required a great deal of work to bring it up to modern standards? Demolition sometimes ac-tually improved the environment. "There must at least be compelling reasons for interfering with the free-dom and rights of ownership. What is more, the Government is trying to lift the burdens on businesses and on individuals wherever it can, and to eliminate unnecessary central and local bureaucracy.

The Bill would go against the trend of deregulation and would increase the number of planning applications and appeals, so adding to the burdens of already heavily stretched local plan-The law could not be changed on the basis of anecdote. "The first step therefore must be for the Government

to invite evidence from local authority associations, from professional plan-ning, heritage and conservation bodies and from house builders." He proposed that the department should prepare a consultative paper setting out the issues and invite views. It would be ready for issue in April, and responses would be invited by June. Meanwhile, he opposed a second reading for the Bill.

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By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

The ghost of Tom Browne was finally laid to rest yesterday by marks their reports, the Her Majesty's Inspectorate of inspectors were moved to Schools, when it reported that note: "It was exhilarating to the most excitingly taught excitement of pupils."

Although available in a added: dwindling number of state schools, classics were a thriving and exciting part of the experience."

curriculum, the inspectors • Fears tha said, reporting on a survey of 20 schools offering Latin and

In a report marked by praise for teachers and pupils, the inspectors said that pupils displayed an "infectious enthusiasm" for the subject and commended teachers for setting high standards.

They said that many pupils chose Latin or Greek for the reason that they were difficult subjects because they relished the challenge and enjoyed the confidence gained in master-

The inspectors found that children "welcomed the regular testing" involved in the more formal approach adopted by some of their teachers and praised their

reserved style which normally observe the confidence and

Of one class, the report added: "Pupils responded with a vivid enthusiasm that made the lesson a memorable Fears that a new system of

school financing will lead to large-scale teacher redundancies were heightened yesterday by the disclosure that at least 30 teachers in Cambridgeshire are to lose their jobs because of budget cuts. The first firm evidence to support claims that the im-

plementation of the new national system for giving schools control of their budgets would lead to job losses caused immediate alarm among the teachers' unions. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of

Women Teachers, which last year predicted that the jobs of between 15,000 and 30,000 teachers would be at risk, said million budget, £1.3 million is that the Cambridge cuts would be repeated nationwide. Mr earth do they expect me to 'vigorous interest and Nigel de Gruchy, its general insight". Throwing aside the secretary-designate, said: staff?"

"This realizes our worst fears.
At a time of teacher shortage it is sheer madness to be sacking teachers. Everybody will suf-fer - most of all, the

One school in St Neots is having its £1.9 million annual budget cut by £95,000. At another, in Ely, seven teachers and an unspecified number of ancillary staff will lose jobs because of a cut of £57,500.

Cambridgeshire County Council was a pioneer of the new scheme and is therefore in a different position to many other authorities introducing the system, known as Local Management of Schools, for the first time next month.

The county council said:

"Schools are given their budgets and it is up to them to make savings where necessary." At the City of Ely College, which must lose seven teachers, Mr Roger Daw, the headmaster, rejected salaries," he said. "How on make savings without cutting

# Teachers and pupils British biologists make crop spray breakthrough

British biologists have made a breakthrough in the international race to develop environmentally friendly

They have created a crop-protecting spray with a simple but powerful action that ensures bugs never become im-mune to its lethal effect. At the same time crops are freed from bazardous chemicals that can contaminate land and rivers and harm animals and

Conventional insecticides use toxic chemicals to pois pests. The sale spray, code-named Hugitte, suffocates bugs at a vulnerable phase in their life-cycles.

After a crop-damaging fly has laid its eggs, the young spend time developing in a grub chamber called a pupa case before bursting out as

Mr Robert Pickford, biologist, led a team which developed a method of coating the cases with a harmless. but tough film that trapped the Mr Pickford, a scientist

with Humber Growers, a glasshouse firm near Welton Waters north Humberside. based his thinking on the use of starch to stiffen collars. The idea came to him while his wife was ironing.

The result is a watery solution made from a starch derivative, dextrin. When sprayed on to hot-house ubers it traps the grubs. Mr Roger Sayer, managing their way to freedom. Al- awaiting Ministry of Agri-



director of Humber Growers, said the beauty of the process was that most beneficial insects survived the coating because they tended to est

though Hugtite has been developed to cope with white-fly infestations on cucumbers, the company says it has a

approval for commercial use. "The problem of residues in Mr Cliff Clephane, head of crops is close to my beart and horticulture at Lincolnshire if this product can rid us of College of Agriculture, Lin- them it would have ramificacolu, said the invention was a tions throughout the world."

"The problem of residues in

# Promising' anti-Aids drug to undergo £1m trials

egal hope for whooping cough campaign

balance of probabilities, the pertussis

certificates were withdrawn in around

Yesterday, however, a challenge by

seven of the litigants succeeded when Mr

Justice Brown ruled that the board had

misunderstood a joint opinion given by

counsel in the Loveday case at the

board's appeal hearings.

Counsel agreed that the Loveday

decision did not exclude the possibility

of another case succeeding. The judge,

however, said he reached his decision

As a result of that ruling legal aid

vaccine could cause brain damage.

By Thomson Prentice

The most promising anti-Aids drug since the development of AZT is to be tested on hundreds of British patients in a clinical trial costing more than

The trial, announced yes-terday by the Medical Research Council, is expected to begin in the next two months and will involve about 300 volunteers who have Aids or symptoms of infection by the human immunodeficiency vi-

The investigation is into the potential benefits of a drug called dideoxyinosine, or DDI, which appears capable of slowing down the replication of the Aids virus.

International researchers are excited about its prospects as an alternative to AZT, or zidovudine, the only drug known to slow down the progress of Aids and prolong victims' lives.

Dr Anthony Pinching, an Aids specialist at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Lon-don, and a leading organizer expensive backed by legal aid. She failed to convince the High Court that, on the

come of this trial.

ing to talk about a cure. We are looking for a treatment for this disease, a way of contain-

in DDI among Aids patients, gency with which potential the trial is being structured to new Aids drugs are being allow all participants to re- investigated around the world.

The 10-year campaign for compensation

by parents who believe their children

have been brain damaged by whooping cough vaccine was given fresh hope by a

High Court ruling yesterday.

Mr Justice Simon Brown quashed a

Legal Aid Board decision refusing or

withdrawing aid in seven cases involving

The ruling could affect up to 200 other

claimants who were denied aid after

Susan Loveday, aged 17, lost her test case costing £1 million plus in 1988, the most

victims aged between three and 35.

"Early tests of the drug look encouraging, but it is misleadthe option of being chosen to receive either high or low doses of DDI."

The trial has been set up within a comparatively short Because of intense interest time, a reflection of the ur-

200 cases.

effectiveness," Dr Pinching anaemia and muscular recognized about five years

The trial will be conducted in hospitals and clinics throughout Britain, with patients given courses of the drug for up to 18 months. A similar trial will be carried out in France.

The drug was developed in the mid-1970s by the Americeive the drug if they want to. The British patients being can pharmaceutical company, "We recognize that there are recruited are those who are Bristol-Myers Squibb, as an

of the trial, said yesterday: people who want to have the "We think there is a good chance of a successful out"We think there is a good chance of a successful out"We think there is a good chance of a successful out"We think there is a good chance of a successful out"Below the unable to tolerate the sideeffects of AZT, which include was found to be ineffective. Its access to drugs that might on the effects of the sideanti-cancer compound, but campaigning for much faster was found to be ineffective. Its access to drugs that might on the effects of the effects of the sideanti-cancer compound, but campaigning for much faster was found to be ineffective. Its access to drugs that might on the effects of the e ago, and Aids-related research on the drug has intensified

> Mr Nick Partridge, a spokesman for the Terrence forget the importance of safer Higgins Trust, a leading Aids sexual behaviour for the charity, said: "This trial is a foreseeable future." breakthrough. Until now it • Scientists using scratch and

People with Aids had been

disease, he said. "This is an experimental

treatment which may or may not prove useful in the long term. Meanwhile, we must not

has sometimes taken years for sniff tests have shown that new drug treatments to reach smoking can seriously damage this stage." smoking can seriously damage a person's sense of smell (Our Technology Correspondent writes).

Loss of smell increases with every passing puff, the study shows, and addicts may have "with hesitation and without enthu- to stop for as long as they have siasm". None of the cases should be been smoking to regain their optimistic about eventual success, he sense of smell fully.

said. The decision means the Legal Aid

The findings, published yesBoard will be able to look at new medical terday in The Journal of the said. The decision means the Legal Aid American Medical Associ-The Government had assumed a ation, come from researchers causative link between the vaccine and at the University of Pennbrain damage and set up a compensation sylvania's Smell and Taste scheme which allowed for a fixed award Centre, who conducted tests

of £20,000, the judge said. However on 600 volunteers. expert opinion was deeply divided on the They believe the loss of question of causation, creating severe smell might be linked to a problems for litigants who wanted to sue chemical in tobacco smoke for larger sums. that destroys cells in the nose. .

# Seal killing protest

A Scottish conservation group has called on the forthcoming North Sea Ministers' Conference to censure Britain for allowing the shooting of seals by salmon farming and fishing interests. In a letter to delegates, the Islay and Jura Seal Action Group has urged them to make clear to the UK representative that the British Government can no longer "hide behind platitudes", and to impress upon Britain that the slaughter of seals can no longer be tolerated.

#### **Actors win**

The actor Stratford Johns and Reginald Lee, aged 49, of his wife Nanette, an actress, won libel damages yesterday over claims that they assaulted their children. The Sun, the News of the World and News Group Newspapers withdrew the allegations.

# Nuclear plea

weapons will enter Irish waters except in an emergency.

### Letter theft

A museum warder stole letters worth £25,000 from the National Library of Scotland and sold them for £9,000. Edinburgh Sheriff Court deferred sentence on Edward Duffy, of Durar Drive, Edinburgh.

Tube plot

Ealing, west London, a member of a gang in Scotland which planned to issue fake London Underground travel cards worth £825,000, was yesterday fined £3,000 by the High Court in Edinburgh. Murder denial

Peace campaigners from Nor- Michael Hodgins and Shane thern Ireland and the Irish Re- O'Brien of Drogheda, Co public are in Scotland to seek assurances that no submarines day denied murdering Timocarrying nuclear reactors or thy Kidman, of Twyford, Hampshire, a gamekeeper at Slane Castle estate, Co Meath. The case, at the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, continues.

## **Bond winner**

Winner of the £250,000 National Savings Premium Bonds monthly prize draw for March is the holder of bond number 17SS 354191 (Glaseow).

# Prior back on the hustings to join in nephew's by-election campaign

Lord Prior, former Conservative Cabinet minister, returned to the political hustings yesterday to lend his support and experience to his nephew. Mr Charles Prior, who is campaigning to defend the Tory majority in the Mid-Staffordshire by-election.

Lord Prior, who is not chairman of GEC, made it clear that his visit to the constituency was a family occasion and said he was convinced his nephew would win a tough contest in difficult Diplomacy and family loy-

alty reigned during his tour of Sneydlands, a home for the elderly in Rugeley, and he was not tempted to a full discuss: of his views on the present Government policies. He confided to one elderly

resident: "I am retired now. I enjoyed my life in politics which was very interesting. I did not always see eye to eye with the lady, but I should not say that here."

Lord Prior's visit coincided with a public opinion pell showing the Conservatives nationally trailing Labour by

Yesterday, the Labour cam-paign in the constituency switched its attack from the poll tax to the Governm plans for the National Health

The Conservatives are defending a majority of 14,654 in the March 22 poll.

Lord Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland unil he left the Government in 1984, conceded it was a bad time for the party but he still believed there would be victory for his nephew. "You could not have a mach more difficult position but it will enable the electorate to see a man fighting all the way. Anything can happen in three weeks. He is the sort of person we need in

Lord Prior said the poll tax was the most outward and visible form of the Government's difficulties, but he expected it would eventually be modified, perhaps by central ding of certain

Fig. 1. Sept. 15 To The Control of t



Mr Prior and his nucle, Lord Prior, chat with a resident of Sneydlands, a home for the elderly the best reasons and I think was joined by Ms Harriet

He added: "It is bad luck for anybody fighting a by-election before the modifications take

Lord Prior attacked the Labour Party's alternative plans. They would not be popular, he said, and added that Mrs Thatcher was a very good politician who under-

MID-STAFFS BY-ELECTION

dle (C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lab) 13,990; T Jones (L/All), dent C) 836. C Maj: 14,654.

stood what people felt. He said: "If she does not understand now what the liamentary party is thinking

she never will. "I think you will find she wants to win the election and she will." Mr Prior, an accountant

aged 43, has decided to tackle the community charge issue head on, accepting that it will be a central issue of the ign, which he wants to fight on the Government's record of achievement.

During yesterday's campaigning, he was delighted to find that a number of residents of the old folks' home agreed with his assertion that the average £350 a head rate in Mid-Staffordshire had been set unnecessarily high because of the Labour-controlled

In a photo-call outside, one resident wearing a Tory cam-paign sticker revealed she was the widow of a former Labour councillor in the area. She said: "There is not a Labour Party any more.'

At Labour's campaign headquarters, a former village fend his plans for the health school at Slitting Mill, outside service to doctors, nurses and Rugeley, the candidate, Mrs patients "who so far have had

Ms Harman challenged the Conservative candidate to give his views on the latest rise in prescription charges and to say whether he supported the Government's reforms for the NHS including plans by local spital enits to opt out.

really is not good enough for the Conservatives to keep telling us over and over again that the NHS is safe in their " People jøst do not believe

the NHS Bill." Mrs Heal also challenger Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Sec retary of State for Health, to visit the constituency and de-

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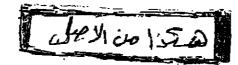
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# Poll tax clash of highest and lowest side by side

Worry for employers with live-in staff

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

to meet the poll tax charges for 11,000

The commissioners said that partly

because of the added burden, they had

suspended a £33 million project to

improve poor-standard houses, although

the Church is getting an extra £3 million

from the Government for upkeep of

Previously, because of charitable sta-

A £1,400 pay increase to clergy from

The tax could also add tens of

churches and relief on office taxation.

tus, rates on parsonages were very low.

this April includes £600 to enable them

to pay the tax for themselves and their

thousands of pounds to Britain's defence

bill following a decision that any of the

150,000 servicemen living in barracks or

married quarters will not have to pay

more than £52 a year above the average

for all service accommodation. They will

clergy living in parsonages

The poll tax debate was pulled sharply into focus yesterday when Wandsworth in south London, Mrs Margaret Thatcher's favourite local authority, announced England's lowest charge while councillors in neighbouring Lambeth prepared to set the

Conservative councillors in Wandsworth beamed with delight, obviously proud of set-ting a poll tax of £148, which is £23 below the government estimate of £171 and £48 below the next lowest rate set

But they were immediately criticized by Miss Fiona Mactaggart, the leader of the Labour opposition group on the council, and Miss Joan Twelves, the leader of Labourcontrolled Lambeth council, which is struggling to set its poll tax at under £700.

The Tories in Wandsworth are mortgaging the future. the same level but the Govern-This is a phoney poll tax that ment standard spending that Lambeth is heading for a for the same family on the they are using as an election

Thousands of people, from Army gen-

erals to vicars, are to be protected from

the full effects of the poli tax, and

employers claim that this will increase

Government's anti-inflation strategy.

wage demands, further undermining the

Others will be worse off, including,

according to their federation, policemen

living in section houses and married

quarters whose rates have been paid by

Introduction of the tax in England and

Wales will create financial difficulties for

a range of employers providing "live-in"

accommodation, including the Ministry

of Defence, the Church of England,

An analysis by Incomes Data Services

says current estimates suggest that the

tax will add between 0.5 per cent and 1

per cent to the retail price index in April.

particularly hit, with Church Commis-

The Church of England will be

hoteliers, and public schools.

the constabularies.

possible by favourable grants from the Government. Next year they are facing the choice of doubling the poll tax or halving services," Miss Mactaggart said. She said the Tories had a secret plan to bridge the future spending gap through huge cuts in services which will not be disclosed until after the May elections.

Sir Paul Beresford, leader of Wandsworth, dismissed the claims. "If there are any secret plans I certainly have not seen them. We have produced a poll tax of £148 through careful and efficient savings and we hope to continue doing that in the future. Next year

Lambeth councillors are few days trying to set the poll million just to keep services at for cuts.

using £32 million in reserves target for capping. Miss and favourable government Twelves said that would have grants to keep the poll tax a disastrous effect on the down. It is election bribery. In borough perhaps lead to bank-Lambeth we don't have any reserves to soften the blow of what is an unfair tax that will hit the pockets of most people

"I won't defend the poil tax but I will defend what we need to spend on services. The government estimate of what we need to spend it totally unrealistic. The gap of £60 million is equivalent to £360 a head on the poll tax," Miss Twelves said.

The Lambeth councillors are frantically re-examining the poll tax might be even every department's budget estimates in an attempt to find areas where savings can be locked in meetings for the next made. Libraries, nurseries, few days trying to set the poll homes for the elderly, youth clubs and adult education of the poll tax system.
centres are prime candidates A family of three adults tax. Miss Twelves said the clubs and adult education borough needed to spend £300 centres are prime candidates

There can be little doubt assessment for Lambeth is collision course with the Gov- Lambeth side it could be £240 million. "Wandsworth is ernment and must be a prime £2,100.

sioners having to find another £8 million be reimbursed any sum above that

figure, yet to be worked out.

own homes during holidays.

Later this month, the union leaders of

more than 30,000 farm workers in "tied"

houses will demand a big pay increase for

Information Service, teachers at board-

ing schools and other live-in staff will be

taxed twice, because many occupy their

ISIS said: "Our representations to the

Government have met only with the

response that local authorities have

discretionary powers. We believe it is

iniquitous for these staff who have to live

Incomes Data Services says that some

hoteliers expect to pay the tax for

"living-in" staff, and to extend an appro-

priate increase to other staff, adding to

costs. There is concern that many,

usually mobile, staff will not register.

in to be expected to pay the tax twice."

According to the Independent Schools

them to counteract the tax's effects.

ruptcy and would mean cuts in services of £60 million.

If Lambeth sets its charge close to £700 its poll tax payers entitled to the maximum rebate of 80 per cent will be sent bills of about £148, the same as the full tax in nextdoor Wandsworth.

The contrast can be seen at its plainest in Hazelbourne Road, where residents on one side will pay £148 to Wandsworth council and on the other side they will pay up to £700 to Lambeth council.

It is in this residential road just off Clapham Common in south-west London that the politicians have the most diffi-culty explaining the anomolies

living on the Wandsworth side faces a poll tax bill of £444 but



Miss Joan Twelves, leader of Lambeth, studying some council literature on the poll tax yes-terday in the council chamber under a poster that went up during Mr Ken Livingston's campaign against rate capping during his term as leader of the Greater London Council.

# **Immigrants face** huge payments in cotton mill town that closed he started a plumb-

By Ronald Faux

The community charge will hit Blackburn hard. The Lancashire mill town is one of the districts heading the list of those whose residents' domestic payments will rise most steeply under the new tax.

Final figures have yet to be announced by Lancashire County Council but Mr James Kennedy, director of finance for Blackburn, expects that every adult will face a demand than 80 per cent on the previous rates burden if divided between all adults.

Labour-controlled Blackburn Borough Council says that the rises imposed by the community charge will be devastating and a two-fold calamity.

It says that they will squeeze resources to the town, making even harder the task of replacing the inadequate Victorian houses that were the reason for Blackburn's low level of rates, and that they will put an impossible burden on Asian families occupying them.

In Balaclava Street and Inkerman Street, the impact of the new system is only now being understood. The steep, stone terraces built by the cotton mill owners for their workers were cheap homes for waves of immigrants who came to work in the cotton industry and who now represent 16 per cent of the population. The industry died

but the immigrants remained.

Mr Gulam Sheth came from

ing and hardware business. He lives above the shop with his wife and nine children. Three of his children are over 18, so his "rates" bill alone would be more than £1,800, plus whatever the business charge adds.

Mr Sheth added: "What some families will be asked to pay is beyond belief. These small houses are often shared. Some may have eight or nine eligible people in them.

Mr Kennedy said that there were complex reasons for the rise. The Government's notion of inflation was 4.8 per cent against a reality of 6.5 to 7 per cent. The net result of the change appeared to be a cut in grant to Blackburn of £9 million, or 11 per cent.

There were extra costs imposed on the council of £340,000 in community charge benefits, an obligation to pay off debts, over and above the normal provision, of £238,000 and changes in housing clearance subsidy that would cost £157,000.

"In addition, there is the cost of running the commu-nity charge itself, which everyone agrees is very expensive."

he said. Mr Peter Greenwood, leader of the council, said the net charge of £365 took into account all that the town was likely to receive from grants and the contribution from the so-called safety net.

"The poll tax and the old rating system are not comparable. The Government Bombay 20 years ago to work support to Biackburn will be in a Blackburn mill. When cut substantially," he said. Thatcher will face hardest task on figures

community charge payments due in the constituencies of Cabinet ministers, it is the Prime Minister who will have the hardest task explaining the difference between what the Government predicted councils needed to key in tax and what they are proposing

Thatcher's constituency of Finchley Central, the London Borough of Barnet, is tonowned as one of the most parsimonious of the Conser-vative-controlled outer boroughs. However its charge of £390 per adult is 54 per cent above the figure given the borough by the Department of the Environment. Barnet's Conservatives

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hat people

The local authority for Mrs.

ne to deter blame the requirement on the outer boroughs to contribute to the safety net arrangements for other local authorities for most of the difference. They can also point out that they are planning to spend nearly 2 per cent per head less than Whitehall recommends as the minimum for schools, social services and street cleaning.

Some of Mrs Thatcher's colleagues ought to have an easier time explaining their local councillors' levies. If Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, had not been confronted with the resignation of the party whip by Conservative councillors on West Oxfordshire District he might have been able to blame a 63 per cent difference between poli tax and government recommendation on Oxfordshire County Council, where no party has overall control.

Oxfordshire County Council is planning to spend 15 per cent more per head than the Department of the Environment says it needs to provide on schools and social services. However, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the deputy Prime Min-

ister, faces a problem of prime ministerial proportions.

As MP for the solidly Conservative district of

Tandridge in solidly Conservative Surrey, Sir Geoffley has to explain a 54 per cent difference between council and government-approved Other ministers can put

Labour firmly in their sights. Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, represents Ribble Valley, which is a Conservative district. Lancashire, the county council accounts for the bulk of spending and it is Labour- # controlled. On the Government's calculations, it is proposing to spend over 11 per cent more per head than it needs to.

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# Rare jug found by TV show is star of ceramics auction

A pottery owl called Ozzie, star discovery of Antiques Roadshow on BBC1 tomorrow, will be offered at auction at Phillips in London next we with an estimate of £20,000 to

Every collector's dream came true for a couple who queued with other hopefuls to have their family treasures examined by Roadshow experts visiting The Deragate Centre, Northampton.

The owl, a rare Staffordshire Slipware jug and cover dating from the early 18th century, had stood by the fireplace and sometimes denbled as a flower pot.

The body of the bird was modelled in red clay and decorated with a dip of marbelled cream and shades of brown. The head is detachable and is a drinking cup. The eyes are edged with white dots.

Few examples of these owl jugs survive. It is thought that the design originated in Germany and was the inspiration of potters such as the family of mas Toft at the end of the 17th century.

SALEROOM

By John Shaw

corded some time ago and the couple were too overcome to think about selling their new treasure at the time. But now they have decided to put it into



Ozzie, a pottery owl valued

star piece in a ceramics sale at Phillips on Wednesday.

Archibald Thorburn (1860-1935) stole the show at Christie's sale of bird drawings, which made £492,888 (10 per cent unsold). Work by the artist, who specialized in finely detailed studies, particularly of game birds, took the

"The close of the season" showing grouse on a moor and signed and dated 1918, salled the artist's record # £41,800 (estimate £20,000 to £36,000), and a pencil and watercolour drawing of a woodcock, signed and dated 1895, made £20,900 (£10,000 to £15,000). "Pheasants' signed and dated 1922, fetche

£18,700 (£10,000 to £15,000). Sotheby's had a good middie-range English ferniture sale totalling £403,238 (15.9 per cent unsold). The top lot s George II walnut tailboy, circa 1730, went to a private buyer for £10,780 (£4,000 to £6,000). A George III white-and-gilt shield-back armchair made £9,900 (£4,000 to £6,000).

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ing office on April 25. The relucionice of the United Simes' proxy army to lay down their arms after the election victory of the UShacked UNO coalition has complicated the delicate task of persuading the Sandmistas to relinquish control of the array. The usue of who controis the 100,000-strong forces, the region's biggest, is dominating the transition tasks between General Hum-

# Promised Land refugees caught in political crossfire

Material has been removed from the following dispatch by the Israeli censor under new rates announced yesterday covering the immigration of Soviet Jews.

#### From Richard Owen Gilo, Israel

"This is occupied land?" Professor Rafael Goldman's mouth dropped open. "I had no idea." He looked across from the modern Jewish settlement, built in blocks of golden Jerusalem stone, to the bare ridge opposite, once a Jordanian artillery position in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. In between, screened by blossoming almond trees, lies the Arab village of Beit Safafa, whose inhabitants have become increasingly militant during the intifada, now in its third year.

"It looks peaceful to me," Professor Goldman said. "The people are friendly. But then I've only been here two weeks. You must forgive me; until I arrived I didn't even know what the occupied territories were. I hadn't even heard about the Jewish Settlers' Movement"

As US-Israeli tensions rise over the immigration issue, Western diplomats are increasingly concerned at what they see as the "misleading impression" being given by the Israeli authorities. According to official figures, less than 1 per cent of the great exodus of Soviet Jews which began arriving here at the beginning of the year has chosen to live in the occupied territories. Most go to Tel Aviv or Haifa in Israel proper. Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, has angrily accused "the enemies of Israel" of using the issue of occupied land to try to undermine immigration to Israel as such, a move he sees as a clear echo of attempts to prevent Jewish immigration in British-mandate Palestine.

But immigration officials acknowledge that on average 10 per cent of the new arrivals from the Soviet Union are settling in Jerusalem. Of these, most live in satellite Jewish suburbs such as Gilo. built "across the green line", in territory which has been annexed by Israel as part of Jerusalem - and is therefore not on the West Bank - but which is none the less regarded by most of the world as "occupied" under international law. On maps issued by the US State Department it is marked as "status to be determined". Diplomats fear that the gravitation of Soviet Jews towards these disputed suburbs will complicate the

common consent the last problem which should be raised in negotiations becoming an obstacle from the outset,

Yesterday tension between the United States and Israel over the peace process was heightened when Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, warned Israel that American patience had run out because "we've done pretty much all we can do". There are growing fears that American aid to Israel, now \$3 billion (£1.8 billion) a year, may be cut. Mr Shamir and the Likud Party have until Wednesday next week to accept a demand from their Labour coalition partners that Israel should agree to American proposals for peace talks with a Palestinian delegation which would include both Palestinian deportees and Arabs from East Jerusalem. Likud rightwing rebels refuse to have anything to do with any proposal which involves the status of Jerusalem, even indirectly.

Addressing the House appropriations committee on foreign operations, Mr Baker said bluntly that a US Government guarantee of \$400 million in loans to Israel to help absorb new immigrants would only be paid if Israel gave Washington firm assurances that the money would not be used "to create new

over the green line. Mr Shamir, in a rare show of public anger with the United States, yesterday attacked this "linkage" as "totally unnecessary". The Israeli press said Mr Baker's tough remarks

were making it even more difficult for Mr Shamir to persuade the Likud rebels to accept the peace talks terms when the inner Cabinet meets tomorrow, because they would accuse the Israeli leader of bowing to American pressure. Some settlers' leaders argue that Israel

should "proudly assert" its claim to land not only in the West Bank but also in Jerusalem, instead of "disguising the issue". At Efrat, on the West Bank just beyond Bethlehem, Jewish settlers have bought three square kilometres of tocky, olive tree-covered hillside to expand their settlement from 450 families to 5,000, in the hope of settling Russian immigrants. The Efrat settlers say they are on good terms with their Arab farming neighbours. Other settlements also within commuting distance of Jerusalem, such as Maale Adumin, which towers on the hills over the approach from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, are beginning to act as dormitory towns and are building housing for Soviet immigrants. Some diplomats see

settlement at Ariel, near Nablus, where several dozen Russian families have moved in, causing the PLO to describe Soviet immigration as "an act of war".

In Jerusalem's suburbs, new immigrants are given £210 a month to meet the cost of renting a two-bedroomed flat during their first year. This makes housing attractively inexpensive not only in Gilo but also in the four other Jewish satellite settlements across the green line: Ramot, East Talpiot, French Hill and Newe Yaakov.

Mr Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, who has tried since 1967 to maintain tolerance in a united city under Israeli rule, said suburbs beyond the green line had all consisted of government land under Jordanian rule, much of it being previously unusable rocky terrain. No land had been bought from Arabs, he said.

Mr Kollek said that for Israel to settle Soviet Jews in the West Bank was neither relevant nor practical if the territories are to be relinquished", but added that a "considerable number" of immigrants should be settled in Jerusalem "to strengthen it as the capital of Israel". Compared to the "tremendous financial benefits" offered to immigrants

settling in the West Bank, immigrants who lived in Jerusalem suburbs were given no greater inducements than those who chose to live in Tel Aviv. he said. The Jewish suburbs were built on land considered "unfit for grazing" under previous regimes, and "every tree was planted by us."

For Professor Goldman, a 53-year-old biochemist, Israel is above all a welcome refuge from anti-Semitism and lack of professional opportunity in the Soviet Union. He and others have come to Israel partly because the liberal policies of President Gorbachov have opened the door, and partly because the United States has imposed strict limits on immigration. "I just wanted to get out of Russia, and realized that it really was possible," he says. Professor Goldman's main preoccupation is to find work for himself and his 25-year-old son, Igor.

Others at Gilo such as Mr Viktor Savitsky, who arrived at the end of December, say they are grateful to Israel but, given the choice, would prefer to take their families to the United States. "To be honest, I chose Jerusalem for the climate," he said. "They say it is dangerous, but ... there is more crime on the average Moscow street."

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# use tougher line to deter boat people

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

The British Government dis- Vietnam would find it difficlosed yesterday that it is cult to turn away its own prepared to take far more people if faced with an agreedrastic measures than was previously thought if a huge new influx of Vietnamese boat people arrives in Hong Kong.

A high-placed government source said the international community had been "put on notice" of its intentions, while another Whitehall source said Britain was prepared to "push the panic button" if forced to

son", when weather conditions favour the boats, is and some European nations. due to start now. The Govern- No indication has been given ment hopes that deterrent as to how it would be enmeasures already taken will forced, but it would inevitably greatly reduce the numbers mean furning boats away leaving Vietnam, but has prepared contingency measures.

It would immediately call an emergency meeting of the 29-nation International Con- necessary. Official sources ference on Indochina Refugees to approve the setting up arriving so far this year have of a large-scale rapid screen:

system in Hong Kong. Those found not to be genuine refugees would be sent back, whether Vietnam consented or not. If hundreds arrived daily, as in the past, hundreds could be sent back daily, possibly in ships or fleets of aircraft and buses. instead of being held for months or years, as at present, they would be turned around in days.

Contrary to previous inbelieves that the US Government would rejuctantly acquiesce to such measures if there was a clear emergency. Whitehall and Hong Kong sources said that all 29 nations, including the US, agreed in principle to this procedure at a meeting of the Steering Committee in Ge-

neva in January. The meeting ended in a 27-2 deadlock over the timing of mandatory repatriation flights to Vietnam, with only Washington and Hanoi opposing a consensus. But the sources said this was a separate matter be to secure a big British and did not affect the agreement on an emergency

The Government believes

people if faced with an agree-

ment carrying international approval But if it did, Britain would consider the still more drastic step of abolishing the policy of "first asylum", under which boat people have a right to land in Hong Kong. The policy was agreed by the same international body in 1979, but is unpopular in Hong

This would be a last resort The annual "sailing sea- and might lead to condemnation from the United States possibly using naval launches to force them out to sea.

> The Government bopes that none of this will be emphasize that the numbers been much lower than las year. They believe the mandatory repatriation flight last November, when 51 people were sent back against their will, has discouraged many people in what was North Vietnam, though it has had less effect in the south. It also says that Hanoi has tried to spread the word that Hong

Kong is no longer a safe bet. But its optimism is open to question, because the picture will not be clear until late dications, the Government March or early April. The believes that the US Government urgency with which it has been pressing Hanoi to agree to more mandatory flights implies strong concern. Britain sees mandatory flights as a far better deterrent than voluntary ones.

The timing of Britain's tougher line may be linked to a visit by Sir David Wilson, Governor of Hong Kong, due to arrive on Thursday for talks with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. There is resentment in the colony

against the boat people. One of Sir David's aims will contribution to the cost, estimated at £90 million this year. of running the detention

# UK ready to Ethiopian planes hit food stocks

Ethiopian government planes dropped napalm on civilians and food stocks last month after the northern port of Massawa fell to rebel forces, according to an aid worker who recently returned from the country.

The claim was made after Ethiopia appealed on Thursday for donations to airlift. food to the drought-stricken province of Eritrea amid fears that the escalating civil war in the north could mean starvation for up to four million

Aid workers and officials are already saying that failure to get aid to the highlands of Eritrea and Tigré could lead to a repeat of the famine of 1984-1985 in which up to one million Ethiopians died.

Miss Susan Watkins, an official of Oxfam Canada who visited Massawa between February 18 and 20, said that of 65 civilian casualties in a hospital in the port 25 were suffering from napalm burns. Others, including children, said they had been shot by government soldiers as they tried to escape.

"The Government dropped napalm and destroyed at least two warehouses that I saw and set three stockpiles of grain on fire," Miss Watkins said, "It was clear that food aid was a target in the bombardment."

MiG fighter-bombers also dropped napalm on sparsely wooded areas 12 miles outside the port where civilians were town was captured, according to survivors interviewed by Miss Watkins.

Up to 50,000 tons of food was believed to be in Massawa before it fell to the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLE) on February 10, cutting off an enclave of government-controlled territory around Keren and Asmara from supply by sea.

The Ethiopian Government had agreed in January to a pilot scheme for church relief agencies to send food into northern Tigré by road from Massawa, This was stopped after the EPLF attack. Relief agencies believe about 1.9 million people in

Eritrea and 2.2 million in Tigré face famine in the coming months. The EPLF is now believed to hold most of Eritrea, while the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, which includes the Tigre Peo-

ple's Liberation Front and the smaller Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement, controls Tigré and large parts of Gondar and Wollo provinces. Mr Yilma Kassaye, the head of the Ethiopian Govern- across the Sudan border to ment's Relief Commission, areas controlled by the rebels.



Church militant: A Coptic priest, who is fighting in the Tigré rebel ranks with cross and rifle.

appealed on Thursday for \$14 million (£8.5 million) a month to fly 14 cargo planes in a shuttle from the Red Sea port of Asab to the Eritrean capital of Asmara, in what would be the largest airlift of famine relief food in Ethiopia.

He also asked donors to provide 583 lorries to transport food from Asab to drought victims in Tigré and Eritrea by road. But aid workers believe that such an airlift may be prohibitively expensive, and transporting food to the north by road is impossible without a ceasefire in

Miss Watkins called for greater support to the rebel forces' own relief agencies --the Eritrean Relief Association and the Relief Society of Tigré - which transport food



## WORLD ROUNDUP

# Kashmir curfew after shootings

Srinagar (Reuter) - An indefinite curfew was imposed on Kashmir yesterday after up to 40 people were killed in demonstrations against Indian rule of the country's only Muslim-majority state. Exactly how many died and what prompted security forces to open fire during Thursday's demonstrations were still disputed yesterday, but the government of Jammu and Kashmir state, whose summer capital of Srinagar was the venue of the anti-Indian protests, said 15 people were killed when security forces opened fire to defend themselves from stone throwing crowds.

However, hospital doctors said they had seen 25 bodies, while a police officer said 40 people had died in the bloodiest event by far in the campaign against Indian rule. India claims the campaign is orchestrated by militant groups armed and trained by Pakistan.

# Nepal general strike

Kathmandu (Rester) - A general strike that Nepal's banned political parties called to back their campaign for multiparty democracy virtually shut down the city. Police saturated the capital, but little violence was reported. The Nepalese Congress Party, which heads the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy along with communist parties, claimed the strike was successful in most towns.

But the Government of King Birendra, aged 44, has shown willingness to alter the political system. It says that in a country sandwiched between India and China parties would be influenced from abroad. Political parties were outlawed 30 years ago, as the Himalayan kingdom moved to a partyless system of elected councils.

# New Kaifu challenge

Tokyo - The attack on Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese Prime Minister, widened yesterday when a senior leader of his own Liberal Democratic Party asked him to clear up allegations that he got twice as much in donations from the disgraced Recruit company as he initially acknowledged (Joe Joseph writes). The call by Mr Michio Watanabe, who was snubbed earlier this week when Mr Kaifu refused to include one of his allies in the new Cabinet, is seen as a shameless move by Mr Watanabe - who has his eyes on the Prime Minister's job - to oust Mr Kaifu. Mr Kaifu again denied claims made in Shukan Bunshun, a weekly magazine, that he received 26.3 million yen (£105,622) from Recruit, not 14.4 million yen as stated earlier.

# Ivory Coast clashes

Abidjan (Reuter) - Police fired tear gas at high school pupils and beat civil servants in protests in the Ivory Coast yesterday. The protests began two weeks ago with demands for university reforms but spread to workers opposed to

austerity moves which could cut salaries by 40 per cent. The demonstrations pose the most serious challenge in three decades to President Houphouet-Boigny, aged 84, who has ruled since independence. Many diplomats and businessmen expect them to intensify next week when the Government announces its decision on wage cuts. The Ivory Coast, with its fortunes built by its main export of cocoa, is in an economic tailspin caused by plummeting world prices

# Officer sues Zsa Zsa

Los Angeles (Renter) — Mr Paul Kramer, the 6ft 4in Beverly Hills policeman who was slapped by Zsa Zsa Gabor when he stopped her Rolls-Royce, filed a \$10 million (£6 million) lawsuit against her here on Thursday, accusing her of causing him emotional and physical distress. A lawyer for the officer alleged that Gabor, eight-times married, had appeared on numerous radio and talk shows in recent months and had engaged in a malicious and vindictive campaign to defame his client. The star was sentenced last October to spend three days in jail, fined \$12,000 and ordered to serve 120 hours in a shelter for homeless women for slapping Mr Kramer. She was also ordered to put her true age on her driving licence. She claims she is 59,

# In Nicaragua guns still count more than ballot boxes

# Sandinistas close ranks against change the anti-apartheid helm

From Charles Bremner, Managua

descried from the Nicaraguan Chamorro's team. Array as the defeated Sandinists Government nego-tizled with advisors of Senora Violeta Chamorro, the President-elect, on the fate of the hell-wing forces.

The teenage conscripts were said to have fled their units in the mountains where the Sandinista Popular Army (EPS) is still fighting the Contra rebels. The EPS denied the desertions, but the young men's relatives said they felt no further obligation since Senors Chamorro had promised to end conscription after tak-

reported yesterday to have President Ortega, and Schora

For many officers taking orders from allies of the insurgents is an unthinkable affront. Deeply despondent, last Sunday's election.

We are awaiting his call to take up arms in our defence. Schorita Carmen Vallejo, an office worker from León. speaks for many Nicaraguans who believe the AK47 Kalashnikov rifle remains their best recourse for avenging the "betrayal" of their revolution in last Sunday's

was expected to invade what it viewed as a Soviet beachhead. Nicaragua's Sandinista regime distributed tens of thousands of weapons to the citizency. Retrieving them from militants is just one of the daunting tasks facing Se-C'hamorro's

administration.

Managua this week, the Bri-

the people." Señor Lenin Cerna, the hardline director of the state what he said was the attitude of many in the party.

change the regime. I will never obey the orders of Violeta." He predicted that the Sandinistas would never turn over their weapons to UNO.

ful force in the country and enjoys the loyalty of thousands of highly motivated senior officers in the armed forces, police, public service Many believe "the people" were coerced through years of

US economic and military

assault into relinquishing their

sovereignty last Sunday.

In leaflets passed around Many have no time for "bour- but use the Sandinistas" their party retains a historic mandate, Bolshevik-style, to transform the nation into a workers' state.

Although Sandinista leaders are urging their supporters to respect the election result, the spectre of armed insurrection is one of many factors that will force the new government to concede a share of power. As Nuevo Diario, a pro-Sandinista newspaper, said: "This means the Sandinistas will remain a power the United States must reckon with."

President Ortega has laid down an ambiguous strategy that raises doubts about his intentions of becoming a loyal opposition. He has promised preserve Sandinista control of the armed forces, all within the framework of the constitution. "We will be a constructive but belligerent

geois democracy", believing strength to disrupt UNO's plans, just short of prompting international condemnation.

The new government recognizes that it must tread delicately. Senor Arturo Cruz, a UNO adviser who served as a minister in the early Sandinista government and then became a political leader of the Contra rebel army, said Senora Chamorro should keep

Many in the new administration believe that, if they can handle things delicately, the loyalty of the Sandinista faithful will gradually erode. Another view holds that the

election defeat could prove the Sandinistas' salvation. It allows them to shed the compromises of power and return to their revolutionary ideals. Señor Cruz said he believed Oriega will hand over exec
opposition." he said.

President Ortega's moral standing had "skyrocketed" with his graceful acceptance of

# **ANC** returns Mandela to

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Mr Nelson Mandela was elected deputy president of the African National Congress in Lusaka yesterday, paving the way for him to take over as president from Mr Oliver Tambo, who is in a Stockholm nursing home after suffering a crippling stroke late last year.

The decision, announced after a two-day meeting of the ANC National Executive Committee in the Zambian capital, makes Mr Mandela effectively the ANC's leader.

At the same time the executive announced that it was seeking immediate talks with the South African Government about the release of all political prisoners.

It said it welcomed the "positive response" by President de Klerk so far but declared: "It is also of vital importance that the Pretoria regime moves without delay to remove all other obstacles

Govan Mbeki, ANC veterans

Mandela's release last month, have been appointed members of the executive.

The ANC is to move its headquarters to Johannesburg without delay, the statement said, and regional and local offices will soon be set up elsewhere in South Africa.

• Exiles return: The first ANC members to return home

prisoners at Pretoria Central, the maximum security prison, yesterday showed solidarity with hundreds of black convicts on Robben Island, near Cape Town (Nicholas Beeston writes). They went on hunger strike to demand the immediate release of all political

prisoners in South Africa. to South Africa since Mr de Klerk lifted the ban on the organization arrived to a he-

roes' welcome vesterday. Miss Ray Alexander, aged 76, a veteran activist, and her were greeted at Jan Smuts

whom they had not seen for a quarter of a century. The frail couple emerged

into the arrivals hall after their flight from Lusaka with clenched fists held high and blowing kisses to the cheering crowd. There was a heavy police presence at the airport but no reported incidents.

"This is a great and joyous occasion. We must see that the breakthrough in South Africa is widened and our people take over power in a peaceful and orderly manner." Miss Alexander said. She was banned from union activities by the Government in 1953.

Mr Simon was a lecturer at the University of Cape Town before being banned in 1965 from writing for publication or attending public meetings. The couple left the country soon afterwards.

During his years in exile Mr imon has been a key figure in formulating the ANC's consti-tutional guidelines for a postapartheid South Africa. The couple have been of-

fered honorary fellowships at the University of Cape Town's last year in advance of Mr and family members, many of Centre for African Studies.

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Dozens of young soldiers were berto Ortega, the brother of

they are joining a groundswell of defiance among Sandinista loyalists towards the results of "Tell Daniel he is not alone.

elections. In the years when the US

gades for the Defence of the Revolution, a sort of partyrun Home Guard, instructed: "Do not hand over the people's weapons to the Somocista guard and assassins of

security service, summed up There is going to be a new government but you cannot

The Sandinista front remains by far the most power-

to resist any dismantling of his revolutionary reforms and to

opposition." he said. utive and government power defeat this week.

the Sandinistas in a key position in the armed forces and in certain ministries particularly in agrarian

standing in the way of negotiations."

Mr Walter Sisulu and Mr husband, Mr Jack Simon, 83, who were freed from life airport near Johannesburg, by imprisonment in South Africa about 500 ANC supporters

## CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

# rate parity boosts East German mark

The strength of the once about it. He was dragooned by despised East German mark the Chancellor into agreeing to grows daily with the belief that work for currency union much it will by the summer be exchanged at parity with the Deutschmark of its powerful exchange rate in a way which West German neighbour.

The illicit money-changers in the Alexanderplatz here or an inflationary spiral.
round the Zoo railway station "A mark of the German round the Zoo railway station in West Berlin are now eager to buy up the tiny East German notes which were for so long regarded as little more than Monopoly money.

In recent days the blackmarket exchange rate for the Ostmark has soared. When the Berlin Wall opened last November the money was changing hands at a rate of 20 Ostmarks to DM 1. Today the going rate is one to five, with some dealers offering no more than four Ostmarks.

The reason is that Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, who surprised the West German banking world by suddenly announcing his plan for currency union between the two Germanies last month, now says he is "sympathetic" to the idea of a one-for-one exchange rate and wants it to happen as soon as possible after the Herr Kohl promised a

cheering crowd of 200,000 in Karl-Marx-Stadt on Thursday evening that a currency exchange rate would be brought in which would take social considerations into account. Bild, which has been very accurate in its scoops on East

Germany in recent months, yesterday announced that the have those in the GDR, too. parity exchange rate would

What has won the Chancellor's sympathy is the plight of small savers, who between them have amassed a total of 177 billion Ostmarks. Al- money would have to remain though the average monthly in Ostmarks, earning D-mark pay here is only 850 Ostmarks, igh subsidies on basics have left people with little on which to spend, so they have kept their cash in banks.

Now the Chancellor and his Cabinet accept that it would be very unfair to penalize these millions of small savers by devaluing their life savings. Herr Otto Pohl, the president of the Bundesbank, how-

will undermine the strength of the D-mark and risk starting

Democratic Republic is not worth a D-mark and the idea that we exchange everything on a one-for-one basis is somewhat naïve," he told *The* New York Times this week. "But it is psychologically and politically very powerful be-

Kohl reassures leading US rabbi New York — The West German Chancellor, Herr Heimat

Kohl, has written to a leading American rabbi to allay Jewish fears about German reunification (James Bone writes). In a letter to Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust studies in Los Angeles, Herr Kohl said that East Germans were fed up with communism and "immune to any new totalitariau temptations". He also stressed that West Germans had left the Nazi era behind.

cause people in the GDR are afraid of losing their savings ... We just have to be clear about one thing. The better it is for the savers, the worse it will be for creditors - and they If Bild is again correct, the savers will initially be allowed

to change only a limited amount at parity. A figure of DM 1,000-2,000 has been suggested. The remainder of their interest, being unfrozen when it makes sense to do so. The next round in the talks

on currency union takes place in Bonn on Monday. Bewildering choice: East

German voters, who could only pick communists or their allies when they went to the polls last May, will be faced with a bewildering choice for the election to be held tomorever, remains very unhappy row formight. New parties are present East German levels, I

still being formed, but already the Volkskammer (parliament) has registered 38 parties and three others have announced they intend to contest seats.

No less than 12 of the fledgeling parties have the vord "democratic" in their title, and another seven are "socialist".

The Social Democratic Party, which uses both of the favoured words for its name, is shown by polls as being the most likely to emerge on top, with some predictions giving it more than 50 per cent of the vote. The party has been the swiftest to organize and rediscover its old power base in the country. The more right-wing par-

ties, grouped together, with the help of Herr Kohl, as the Alliance for Germany, are basing their attack on the word "socialist", which was also in the title of the renamed communist party, now dis-guising itself as the Demo-cratic Social Party, which claims it is offering a new kind of socialism The liberal parties, despite

the popular support of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, have little obvious chance. They have, however, been alarmed by an offer from Mr Ronald Reagan, the for-mer US President, to make a speech on their behalf in East

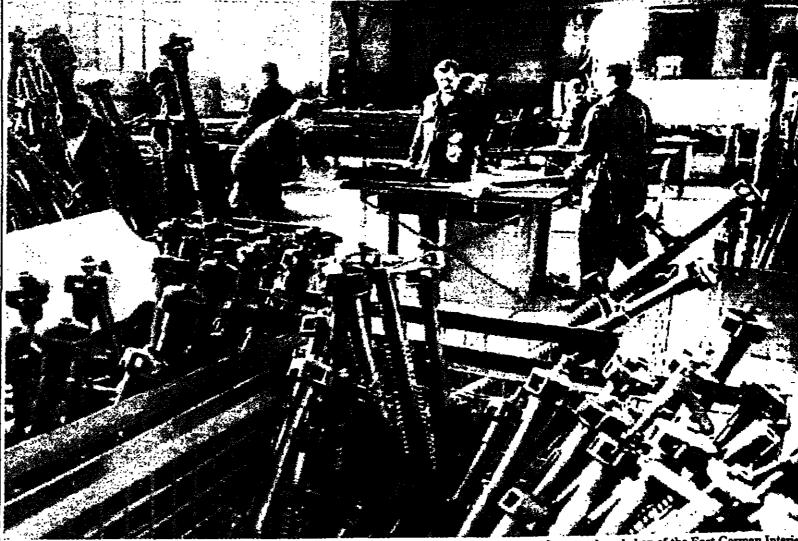
"Frankly, we do not think a man who threatened to bomb Moscow can be described as a liberal," a spokesman for one of the parties said.

New Forum, the opposition organization so prominent early in East Germany's peaceful revolution, has no real political experience and has formed a friendly alliance with like-minded parties campaigning as Burger für Bürger Citizen for Citizen).

The ecologists and the women's rights movement have got together to form a "green-lilac" federation, while the United Left has split into a complex of splinter parties.

One universally popular group is the "German Beer Drinkers' Union", campaigning for beer to be kept at

Pledge of exchange Guns of the militia go into the melting pot



On to the scrapheap: Piles of redundant machine-guns being prepared for the smelters by workmen at the central workshop of the East German Interior Ministry at Schönberg, near Magdeburg. The machine-guns were handed in to the authorities by members of the country's recently disbanded militia units.

# Disgruntled town cuts free from past

From Anne McElvey, Plauen

Down in Planen they are busy locals guffaw at the recog- our pride back. We have been nition of a shared absurdity. Plauen has always been one of the most disgruntled towns in the country, confining itself chance, adding that the "Red sullenly to the yoke of the communist party and considered best left to its own devices by the regional party leadership in Karl-Marx-Stadt, who were never able to

> They are still disgrantled. Having chased the communists from office, the citizens of Plauen are now disap-

> orchestrate the ritual shows of

population that were the norm

pointed with the alternatives. "All the new parties are too soft on the Reds," says one young man wearing a T-shirt proclaiming I am proud to be see the pace of reunification as exotic delicacies in the East mocked by the locals.

German'. "What we need is tardy and appear to want it German winter — to those Army withdrew last year.

rotting here for 40 years." He says he would vote Republican if he had the

rats" - the standard term of reference here for the Government - have banned the extreme right-wing party from over the border. His neighbour adds that the weekend outing to Czechocommunists are still plotting socialist fervour among the

They should be hanged," he says and the crowd nod in

Only the German Social Union, whose election campaign consists mainly of posters announcing instead of socialism", inspires enthusiastic support here.

weekday one has the feeling that unity has already taken place without the official goahead. At the frontier queues of East German cars on one side are matched by queues of West German cars on the other. Few locals now bother with the once traditional slovakia now that the West is

Hoardings announce forthcoming concerts in the nearby town of Hofin the West, while heftier than in the more Bavarian pensioners are moderate north. brought in by bus from Ingolstadt and Bayreuth to drink dissent the Volksarmee sta-

available.

coffee in tiny cafes. In the market place, grocery stores have been set up offer-The majority of residents ing oranges and tomatoes see the pace of reunification as exotic delicacies in the East

today if not earlier. On a busy lucky enough to have Western currency to buy them. Three cross-border riages have already taken in dis

kirut rocked

place since the opening in November. Plauen is living proof that the political traditions of southern Germany outlive enforced conformity. The prox-

imity to the Bayarian border places it under what Germans call the "white sausage line" the parts of the country where the sausage and politics are In an attempt to quell

tioned its largest officers' school here some years ago, only to find that its recruits were constantly bullied and

## Defector breaks 10-year silence

# KGB 'studied plan to kill Pope'

previously unknown KGB defector has revealed the existence of a possible Soviet plot debate in Western intelligence to assassinate the Pope. Former KGB Major Viktor
Sheymov, whose 1980 defection planted by the KGB.

tion to the United States was until yesterday a closely guarded secret, said that in 1979 he saw a KGB cable

Mr Sheymov worked in the anti-satellite missile fired the institute in 1971, at the age of 25 and injured the signed by Mr Yuri Andropov, ably the most sensitive part of who was to become leader. asking for information about

how to get close to the Polishspeaking out was to be able to comment on Soviet-American "Everyone knew what it relations and because "no meant," Mr Sheymov said in secret lasts forever. This one an interview with The Wash- lasted 10 years, and that's ington Post. It meant they enough. wanted to assassinate the

"The peculiar thing about me was that I was in the inner sanctum of the KGB, so I Mr Sheymov also disclosed knew the whole system, including the Cipher system," that the KGB considered whether its agents should try to break the legs of Rudolf he said.

Nureyev, the Soviet ballet Born in Moscow on May 9, dancer who had defected in 1946, the son of an engineer 1961 and was continuing to and a cardiologist, he attended make anti-Communist state- one of Moscow's best schools and then studied at the elite He also recalled hearing University, where he went to "School M", a department office gossip about KGB plans to kill another defector. Mr specializing in missiles and Yuri Nosenko, who crossed to the United States in 1964. One spacecraft.

possible murder plot involved He left the university in Ali Agea: Assassination bid putting a poison needle on the 1969 to work on missile linked to Soviet Union.

Sheymov's information may enterprise called the Central help to resolve the great Scientific Research Institute No 50 of the Ministry of agencies about whether Mr Defence, where he was in- gence summary for members Nosenko was a false defector volved in designing an infrared guidance system for an

at the age of 25, and joined the KGB's Eighth Chief Directorate. In 1974, he was sent to He said that his reason for the headquarters of the First Chief Directorate in Yasenevo, outside Moscow, which oversees KGB foreign intelligence operations. He



After a decade of silence, a seat of Mr Nosenko's car. Mr guidance systems for a secret worked as a communications watch officer monitoring KGB message traffic and helping to prepare a daily intelliof the Politburo.

with the scissors again for the

second time since the war. On

a makeshift market stall in the

centre of the town which

nestles, neglected and self-

absorbed, in the deep south of

East Germany, just a few miles from the Bavarian bor-

der in one direction and the

Czech border in the other,

Herr Peter Brinker is selling

West German flags to a

His wife is occupied at

home picking out the stitches

of the hammer and compass

circle from the East German

flag to render it West German.

with a familiar tale. "My

grandparents did the same

thing in 1945 - cut the

swastika circle away and, hey

presto, the red flag." The

He regales the small crowd

mainly young clientèle.

Mr Sheymov was meeting the KGB general who of-ficially headed the Secret Services Warsaw office in 1979, when the undercover station chief, a Colonel Solovyev, arrived saying he had received an urgent cable from Moscow.

The cable said: "Obtain all the information possible how to get physically close to the Pope." It was signed by the then chief of the KGB Mr Andropov, who succeeded Leonid Brezhnev as Soviet leader in 1982.

Mr Sheymov recalled that the KGB general complained to his two colleagues: "If we do that, we'll have to kill them all (the Poles) or get out of

The KGB has previously been linked to the May, 1981, attempt on the Pope's life by Mehmet Ali Agca, through the so-called "Bulgarian connection" which speculates that the Bulgarian Secret Service employed Turkish organized crime to kill the Pontiff with the Soviet Union's blessing.

# Hungary bugging inquiry | Czech eye unveils party surveillance

Mr Miklos Nemeth, the longer that this Parliament help of Romanian and Czech-Hungarian Prime Minister, serves the peaceful transition and other leading members of to democracy and we want to the ruling Socialist Party, stress that under no circumcontinued to receive secret reports about legalized opposition parties from the Interior Mr Tamas said after leaving Ministry, even after Hungary adopted a new democratic constitution last October, a had advocated reform in the

The committee, investigating the "Danubegate" bugging scandal, suggested that Mr Nemeth, Mr Imre Pozsgay, Nemeth, Mr Imre Pozsgay, didate in the multi-party elec-the Minister of State, as well as tion set for March 25, gave a Mr Matyas Szuros, the acting President, might still be receiving the covertly gath- known how the information

MPs, most of whom were elected as members of the overlooked the reorganization Communist Party, effectively of the Interior Ministry, blocked attempts to read out the entire report in Parliament. Instead, it is to be published in a small circula-

tion government gazette. Two opposition MPs, Mr Gaspar Miklos Tamas, a several occasions after last member of the committee, October to investigate pos-and Dr Eva Balla, both of the sible terrorist attacks, and Alliance of Free Democrats, rumours of a plot by former walked out in protest after the Hungarian Communist Party report was quashed.

stances can we tolerate this violation of the legal order," the chamber. He added that those who

special parliamentary com-mittee said yesterday. past obviously did not rec-ognize political morality and should withdraw from public life after the election. Mr Nemeth, who is a can-

spirited defence of his actions but said he could not have ered information although the Internal Security Service has been officially disbanded. he received had been gathered. He claimed that because of the enormous task of dismantling the one-party state he had concentrating instead on the Defence Ministry.

Although Mr Nemeth accepted responsibility for the affair, he said that the Internal Secret Service was needed on "We cannot pretend any coup last November, with the the old regime.

oslovak forces. However, he said that most

of the reports contained worthless information which eventually appeared in newspapers. "Our society has enough trouble and tension at the moment so let us put all of this aside," Mr Nemeth con-cluded, adding that he would not give up his political career.

The Danubegate affair, in which the Interior Ministry's Internal Secret Service bugged the telephones and flats of prominent opposition leaders and planted "moles" to spy on opposition party meetings, has already led to the resignation of the Interior Minister and other top ministry officials.

But opposition parties were hoping to reveal with the parliamentary report the full extent of continuing surveillance activities being carried out by the Government, which is now supposed to be completely separate from the former Communist Party.

The scandal is likely to remain a big campaign issue as many opposition parties are emphasizing the Government's corrupt past and the members to stage a military need for a complete purge of

# on place in EC sun

From Michael Binyon Brussels

Czechoslovakia yesterday threw its support behind the call for a clear guarantee in Bonn of East Germany's border with Poland, and said Poland had a right to take part in meetings where its own interests were discussed. Mr Jiri Dienstbier, the

Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, said the "two plus four" discussions on German reunification should be only preliminary, and the issue should be settled in the framework of the Helsinki process. This should also not only ratify the borders in Europe and the end of the Cold War, but create new European institutions.

He said German reunification should be the instrument for speeding up the process of European unification and called all the various proposed solutions for a unified German membership of Nato "artificial".

The two alliance structures no longer corresponded with necessity, he said. A new security framework had to be worked out by the 35-nation summit of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Mr Dienstbier spoke after talks here with commission officials on a new, more broad-ranging agreement between Czechoslovakia and the European Community. He emphasized that his country's long-term goal was full membership of the EC — "all of us should be members of one European Community,"

he said. He and Mr Zdenek Pierek. the Deputy Foreign Minister, denounced the continuing Western restrictions on hightechnology exports imposed by the Co-ordinating Com-mittee for Multilateral Export Controls (Cocom), but said they were pleased by recent positive gestures by the

United States.
The EC announced yesterday that Czechoslovakia already given to Poland and Hungary. But Mr Pierek said his country did not need the same help as it was in A different situation. It wanted educational aid, management training, environmental cooperation and structural

Maults Californ

# Hard times shatter dream of Eastern bloc's boat people they used to say, a little bit of that. At this and a little bit of that. At the moment he sells rice vodka on the black market, but other fugitives — that is but other fugitives — that is ficially created, it now live the property of the Czechoslovakia, East Gertextile factory which is selling they used to say, a little bit of Soviet bloc and had a huge many, Poland and Bulgaria — its cloths to Britain. The girls this and a little bit of that. At surplus of manpower. Many are watching closely the say that working conditions the moment he sells rice East European countries had

Hai and his girl friend are on the run. At the Mekong central restaurant, a friend of a friend of the waiter, knew how to contact him so we drove out to Ursinow, a tower block suburb with the soul of an insect. last year, the year of revolu-

"Hey, Hai," shouted the interpreter through the closed door. Hai is a demobbed vietnamese soldier. As such he won priority on the list of vietnamese allowed to work vietnamese allowed to work vietnamese the dream preter, he was prepared to talk in Eastern Europe, the dream ticket for 200,000 people fleeing the poverty and over 20 per cent unemployment.

sense of socialist obligation to and her fellow seamstresses the poorest of Comecon include the daughter of an

drama of repatriation from are bad - they cannot even

Hai would not come out. We left down the stairwell since the lifts broke some time tion. Outside, near the rubbish skips, we waited for 20 minpreter, he was prepared to talk

for cigarettes. Hai's girl friend was recruited with a batch of respect-Will these 200,000 become able middle-class girls to be a the new "boat people" repatri- seamstress in central Poland. ated by the East Europeans. She is the daughter of a who no longer feel any great manager of a state-run factory. actor and the wife of a

move around on the shop floor and the Polish supervisors are too strict. The food is fatry and indigestible.

The managers say that they paid the girls air fares, a three-month training course and they would be earning about 40,000 dong (£6) a month.

All the girls were committed to sending back money to their families, but as prices have been increased again and again in Poland, so their wage packets have been squeezed. Now the salary barely covers food and cosmetics.

Vietnamese who have broken their work contracts and who are running loose in strange countries - meddle with

winter. Their monthly salary is about 400,000 zloties, or about £25 average for the textile industry. In Vietnam they mould be said to the • The main employers drama of repatriation tional training and big wage from Hong Kong packets. In East Germany,

> and repaint cars. It is a long way from the original arrangement that bound the rich and poor members of the socialist community, a blend of selfinterest and humanitarian

Vietnam, after its long, partners?

Certainly the main employers — the Soviet Union.

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emerges, by a central planning can visit their families once machine which bloated factories with under-employed workers. Deals were struck not only with Vietnam, but with Cuba and North Korea.

there are still some 80,000 Vietnamese, in Bulgaria about 10,000, in Czechoslovakia 40,000. In the Soviet Union, where the workers have been arriving since 1981, there are close to 80,000.

Distillusion swiftly set in. Wages, fixed by contract, do not keep pace with inflation which in the new post-comevery four years. The workers have started to

protest to Hanoi, and Vietnamese delegations have been arriving to renegotiate the arrangements with the host countries. Only East German factories seem to treat the Vietnamese fairly, giving them language courses and savings books. But Vietnamese there say

that, while their employers are good, the local shopkeepers and residents are becoming more hostile. On the walls of Vietnamese hostels in Leipzig, somebody has scrawled in letters two yards high Auslånder Raus – foreigners out.

concrete blocks of Central Europe and far away from home. Unpleasant it may be, but there is little future for them back in Vietnam. The official estimate of

seven million unemployed out of Vietnam's total workforce of 35 million is probably understating the case. The Vietnamese economy seems to be improving. The exchange rate is more realistic, there have been serious cuts in state subsidies and defence spending and there are accelerating moves towards the market. But Poland is going through a similar upheaval.

The Vietnamese are thus caught between two societies in transit and, on the whole,

## CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

# Election apathy as Quest for truth on Katyn Judge who tried mood of disillusion grips Soviet voters

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

reaches its climax tomorrow, with polling in the Russian Federation, the Ukraine and Belorussia - amounting to nearly two-thirds of the Soviet

Official exhortations to vote - which have grown more excited by the day - have met with markedly less enthusiasm, however, than in last April's nationwide elections to the Congress of People's Depunes. "Fellow citizens," says one banner across Gorky Street, "the watchword of Moscow is realism, conviction

Even an attempt to instil festivity by opening markets, hanging coloured flags and fusing the election with the ublic boliday for International Women's Day has had little effect.

Officials in Moscow reckon they will be fortunate if more than 60 per cent vote. This figure might not disgrace a Western democracy, but in the Soviet Union - where observers used to regard a turnout of less than 98 per cent as tantamount to a defeat—it is a disappointment to those with a stake in President Gorbachov's democratization.

The change in atmosphere is blamed on voters' disillusionment with the novelty. In Moscow there had also been the additional Boris Yeltsin element, when crowds flocked to the maverick politician. This time Mr Yeltsin is

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AND REPLACE (sember Mary Mary 18 . . . . The Soviet election campaign Sverdlovsk in the Urals and sumer goods - without hintcharismatic candidates are few and far between.

Disillusion is setting in. Why vote, people ask, when shops are empty? Voting last spring did not make them fuller, it won't this year either.

In a few parts of the Russian Federation, and in both the Ukraine and Belorussia, the vote is made more interesting and less predictable by the popular fronts. The performance of Ruck, the Ukrainian Nationalist Group, will be closely watched to see how scrious a challenge it will pose in coming months.

In the Russian Federation generally, the political spectrum is narrower and more conservative. An opinion poli in Moscow and Kirov found that 41 per cent considered better living standards a priority, while only 3 per cent wanted a greater say in de-cision-making and 30 per cent considered openness and free speech important.

So far as the candidates are concerned, a few espouse Russian nationalist views, some advocate economic autonomy (by which they mean an end to subsidies for other, especially Asian, republics) and all desire a more prosperous and influential Russia.

They differ on approving private property and putting law and order above democratization, but they all want reform, greater prosperity, lower inflation and better standing in his home city of provision of food and coning how these might be

A report by the official Tass news agency yesterday said "opposition groups" were likely to win at least one third of the seats for the Moscow city council, but the definition of opposition is unclear.

Almost all the candidates are Communists, some adhere to the radical, Yeltsin wing of the party, others object to what they call Mr Yeltsin's demagogy but would not call themselves adherents of Mr Yeltsin's ideological opponent, Mr Yegor Ligachov.

Informal groups have mul-

tiplied in the past two years, most more akin to discussion circles than to incipient political parties. They range from the extreme right - the various branches and offshoots of the shadowy Pamyat organization and monarchists - to the extreme left Radical Party and anarcho-syn-dicalists. In the middle are Christian democrats, liberal democrats, social democrats and a host of tiny informal

They meet in private flats and offices around tea and biscuits - and try to set the world to rights, without any hope of obtaining the power to

Groups with less centrist political aspirations have cither found it impossible to participate in tomorrow's

# the Ceausescus shoots himself

From Tim Judah, Timisoara

Ceausescu, and his wife, Elena, to death has committed suicide as the trial of a batch of Securitate secret police and militia officers accused of complicity in genocide opened in Timisoara.

Major-General Gica Popa, the head of the military tribunal that condemned the Ceausescus, killed himself on Thursday, Mr Teofil Pop, the Justice Minister, said in Bucharest yesterday.

General Popa shot himself in the heart with a pistol in his office at the ministry and died in hospital two hours later. Mr Pop said the general, who had headed the Bucharest Regional Military Court since 1987, had suffered a severe nervous breakdown,

"It was nothing to do with the Ceausescu case, it was something personal," the min-ister added.

Although the identities of those on the panel of judges who tried the Ceausescus had never been made public, a source said that General Popa had been troubled by anonymous death threats, apparently from Ceausescu loyal-

Mr Nicolae Dide, the government spokesman, confirmed that General Popa's voice was the one heard on the video-recording of the Ceausescus' December 25

In Timisoara, the 21 men in the dock are accused of involvement in the violent suppression of the demonstrations that sparked off last he said: "Yes".

The judge who condemned December's Romanian the Romanian tyrant, Nicolae revolution. They are all former Securitate or militia officers.

The defendants include Major-General Emil Macri, the former head of Economic Counter-Intelligence in the Securitate; Colonel Traian Sima, the former head of the Timis County Securitate; and Colonel Ion Debeleanu, the former head of the Timis County Militia.

The defendants are accused of genocide, aiding and abetting genocide, and also of taking 40 bodies from the Timisoara mortuary to be cremated in Bucharest. This was done in order to cover up the extent of the killings.

Other charges levelled against the accused include some less serious ones connected with attempts to suppress the revolution here.

Yesterday's proceedings lasted just over an hour and consisted solely of the prosecutor reading the charges. The trial resumes this

morning. • BUDAPEST: The Romanian Securitate is continuing to carry out actions against Hungary and most of its agents remain in place, according to Colonel Lajos Nagy, the head of Hungary's secret service (AFP reports).

In an interview vesterday he said: "Our information proves that almost without exception. the members of the Securitate are still in place. They are not just waiting." Asked if this meant they were still carrying out actions against Hungary,

## **Aoun defies the Church**

# Beirut rocked by battle

munication threat and whole district is on fire," he launched a second attack on said. militia posts of his Christian Mr Samir Geages. Hand-to-hand fighting was re- the narrow alleys of Nabaa

their assault on militia positions. They showered residensector with hundreds of shells, in total disregard of a threat by Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, head of the Maronite Church in Lebanon, to excommumeate the warring foes. General Aoun and Mr Geagea are

both Maronite Christians. "We warn whoever orders the firing and whoever carries it out that they would be excommunicated," said Patriarch Sfeir. "They will be expelled from the Church and prevented burial according to

church traditions." Police reported that army regulars under General Aoun launched a second offensive against hardline Christian Lebanese Forces militiamen at dawn, following Thursday's attack on the militia headquarters in Karantina on Beirut's waterfront Yesterday's assault, again supported by tanks and artillery, came from two axes, in Nabaa and Sin el-Fil in central Beirut.

Christian militia sources said four army battalions and several companies of commandos, supported by tanks and heavy artillery fire, were involved in the battle.

A police spokesman said General Aoun's US-made M48 tanks, which advanced to the edges of Nabaa on Thursday, were "trying to shoot their way" across the densely populated district, the main junction leading to port supplies.

General Michel Aoun yes- They are applying scorchedterday defied an excom- earth combat tactics. The

Mr Geagea's experienced street fighters, entrenched in and Sin el-Fil, were confront-At dawn the general's Leba- piercing rocket-propelled unity sources said. less cannon, he said.

General Aoun was trying a tial areas in the Christian flanking move to avoid storming through Ashrafiyeh "which has become a fortified garrison for Geagea's militia on the highest hill in Beirut", the police spokesman said.

Police reported heavy fighting at noon for control of a high-rise building that overlooks the main street separating Nabaa and Sin el-Fil.

The 12-storey building "repeatedly changed hands," police said. "Commando units of Aoun's troops stormed it at first light. Geagea's militiamen took it back in a swift assault around 10am. By noon the Army was re-attacking it."

Military sources in west Beirut said the Army travelled several hundred yards into militia territory in Sin el-Fil and Nabas districts, but fell short of capturing the Lebanese Forces headquarters and their main stronghold in Ashrafiyeh.

Police reported that the Army forces had closed on the militia's main base in Karantneutral territory controlled by the Lebanese Armenians in Bourj Hammond district.

Witnesses said the advances fighting and that General Aoun's forces had come

the "War Council", the militia's beadquarters.

The breakthrough came after negotiations between Armenian army officers working under General Aoun and their community leaders, to allow them access to their ing the tanks with armour- strategic neighbourhoods, sec-

> said it had pulled out 12 bodies from the battlefield and evacuated 50 wounded. It said five other corpses were still on the streets in Nabaa and Sin el-Fil. On Thursday at least 75 people were killed and 200 wounded.

More than 800 people have been killed and 3,000 wounded in the bitter power struggle between General Aoun and Mr Geagea over supremacy in the Christian enclave in central Lebanon.

Residents in east Beirut spent Thursday night in underground shelters and woke yesterday morning to the sound of artillery shells and the smell of gunpowder and burning rubber from at least 50 fires that blazed in the city throughout the night.

Military sources said Thursday's thrust had been a "warn-ing" to evacuate Beirut "before the final and sweeping attack to drive the militia out of the capital starts".

They added that General Aoun's troops, bent on disarming the militia, wanted to reconnoitre Lebanese ina, one of the general's Forces defences before they principal objectives, through moved to seize their headquarters, inflicting the least casualties possible.

General Aoun, aiready suffering from a shortage of by the Army occurred without arms and ammunition, is eager to capture the port of Beirnt adjacent to the militia within shooting distance of headquarters, so he can im-

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Families of some of the 15,000 Polish officers killed in 1940 in Katyn protesting outside the

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# Paradise lost as pollution assaults California coast

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Southern California temperatures were in the high eighties last week, which would normally send residents scurrying to the shore seeking relief from the heat. But the miles of beaches in Los Angeles were virtually deserted. The oncepristine white sands have become an ecological nightmure. There is hig trouble in paradisc.

First, a British Petroleum tanker leaked nearly 400,000 gallons of crude oil into the ocean off Huntington Beach, to the south of the city. Then, while volunteers and BP employees were labouring round the clock to clean up the sludge, a heavy winter storm caused drains to overflow and sent eight million gallons of raw sewage gushing into the occan at Santa Monica, one of the most

densely populated beach communities here. To make matters worse, the thriving Los Angeles harbour was also closed for 24 hours on Friday, and there was talk of evacuating thousands of residents when a toxic chemical leak was spouced coming from a freighter.

So the surfers have stayed home with their boards, the swimmers are sticking to pools, and only the occasional volleyball player, roller skaper or biker has ventured down to the sca to enjoy the sunlight. It is also no longer safe to go out at night in many areas of this sprawling community, and it has nothing to do with escalating gang shootings.

As the city sleeps, helicopters fly in formation overhead, spraying thousands of gallons of insecricides into the atmosphere in an attempt to wipe out a pest known as the Medily which feasts on the peaches, grapes and plums California exports. Its proliferation could mean death to the state's principal

industry, agriculture. Scientists disagree on the effects of the insecticide Malathion on people. State officials claim it is safe, though they advise bringing pets indoors and covering the paintwork on cars parked outside when the chemical is scattered at night. But Los Angeles residents assaulted from all ecological angles - have taken to the streets wearing breathing masks and skeleton costumes, and carrying placards demanding that spraying be stopped.

In response to the pressure, Los Angeles city council voted to so to court seeking an injunction to force the state department of food and agriculture to stop spraying until its safety can be determined. Four neighbouring cities have followed suit.

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## SIMON BARNES

s this is the column for the sporting A polymath, it is time to salute Kate Noakes, artist in residence at Middlesbrough Football Club. Her exhibition of sculpture resulting from this post is on show from today until the end of the month at Middlesbrough Art Gallery. An uncompromising figure in a weider's mask, Noakes has produced a series of works in forged steel "trying to capture the physicality of football — not portraits of players but movement in an electrod form"

movement in an abstracted form".

Her spell at Middlesbrough FC was funded by Northern Arts, and backed by other bodies including the club. "I could not have produced the work I did if they hadn't made me feel so much at home," says Noakes. "I was able to set up and work on the pitch without any problems. The players who have seen the work were rather bemused at first, but I think they have liked what they have seen.'

ad news from Julie Krone, one of America's top jockeys — she has won more than \$26 million in prize money and an old friend of this column. She has not ridden since breaking her arm in a riding accident in November and must now have a bone graft operation. "When I found out I almost went into shock," said Krone, a volatile lady famous for winning a fist fight with a male jockey. She has lost a hot mount for the Kentucky Derby in May but hopes she will be back on the track in June. "The first day I can climb on a horse and leave the paddock again I'll be smiling from ear to ear," she said.

ale drivers always feel they have failed a crucial virility test when failed a crucial virility test when they are overtaken by a lorry, but let me reassure them. Next weekend, there will be an assault on the world speed record for a heavy goods vehicle. The driver, Yorkshireman Brian Garnet, a truck-racing driver by profession, says: "We are setting our sights on breaking the 130 mph barrier. But it will all depend on conditions on the day." The attempt takes place on Pendine Sands in Wales (and no doubt informally by other drivers on the M25 thoughout the preceding week). Garnet will drive a Lucas VAC Leyland Roadtrain called Gertie.

BARRY FANTONI



That reminds me, our Keating has just been attributed to someone else'

merica's amazing one-legged school-A boy wrestler goes from strength to strength. Bill Flink has won 28 fights this season, without a single defeat, and is hoping to become champion of Stratford High School in Wisconsin. He aims to go on and win the state title "for my mom and dad". He fights on his knees, and exploits every advantage his unorthodox position can give him. Opponents reach around to grab his leg "and it just isn't there," says his coach, Cal Tackes. Flink lost his leg in a farming accident five years ago, when he was 12. Usually he wears an artifical limb, but he removes it to wrestle. "I want to win bad. I like the feeling," he says.

he most alluring invitation of the week came from Barry Hearn, the snooker and boxing manager, who gave the world the chance to meet a fighter called Chris Eubank, who has some punchup or other next week. The message said beguilingly: "People call him arrogant, but Chris will give a few minutes of his time to discuss this fight and future plans." I was unfortunately prevented from going by a subsequent engagement.

■ he obits failed to mention that the late Leslie Ames was responsible for the England cricket team's last series win over the West Indies in the Caribbean. It happened when he was managing the side captained by Colin Cowdrey in 1967-68. With four matches drawn, England won 1-0, thanks to a generous declaration by Gary Sobers. England were set 215 in two-andthree-quarter hours, and Cowdrey didn't fancy it. According to Ames, Cowdrey was nervous of Willie Rodriguez, the legspinner, "but I said we would never have a better opportunity". Cowdrey scored 71 in England's victory, Sobers was burned in effigy in Port of Spain, and Ames savoured the satisfaction of successful generalship.

¬ he Government is said to be considering plans to "cap" the poll tax. This would be the ultimate absurdity in the tangled tale of local government reform. The purpose of introducing a flat-rate charge for local government services payable by every adult in the country is to make electors take responsibility for the things

which local authorities do in

their name. If people want smaller classes in their local schools, or their dustbins emptied three times a week, and are prepared to pay accordingly, then let them vote in a council to do it. If, on the other hand, they are sceptical about the value that local representatives are giving for their money, then they should have the evidence and the incentive to vote them out. Either way, voters live with the con-

sequences of their choice. If it set a limit to local taxation, the Government would be denying the principle of local accountability. The logical next move would be to abolish local government altogether — something which advocates of central control over education appear to have recognized.

But, say the Government's political managers, the size of the changes which people are being Rodney Lord, Economics Editor, cites Scotland's experience

# Poll tax: just give it time

asked to face is proving deeply unpopular. Imposing a tax on people who did not pay one before was never going to be a vote-winner, and the local authorities are successfully pin-ning the blame on central

Even Conservative councils are having to levy embarrassingly high charges. There is a growing tide of concern on the Tory back benches that unless the Government acts to ameliorate the worst effects, the tax will be a serious handicap at the next

In any case, say the sceptics, the poll tax is not a good answer to the problem of local accountability. Every adult living in Coronation Street will now receive a bill (instead of just the heads of households), but this does not necessarily mean they will be any more aware of what the council is spending than they were before. Wives have always been aware of the overall financial burdens on the household.

have their poll tax paid for them. If the Government were able to start again, it might not choose to start from here. The attractions of the poll tax were simplicity, universality and visibility, but faced with the political disadvantages, ministers have already decided that purity of principle must be sacrificed to reliefs, safety nets and other

local accountability. On that calculation the Government might have done better to swallow its rhetoric and opt for a local income tax, as the report of the committee of inquiry headed by Sir Frank Layfield recommended in 1976. But at this stage the Government does not have the option of starting again.

devices to protect the citizen from too harsh an exposure to

In any case, those who now say the Government should have kept the rates and abandoned any thought of local reform are forgetting the strength In his closing words. Layfield referred to "many decades of uncertainty in the realm of local government finance". The Prime Minister herself first promised reform, then decided it was too difficult, then embraced

In Scotland, where the tax is already in operation, the political bitterness caused by its implementation was no greater than that caused by the last property revaluation for rating purposes. Indeed the revaluation in 1985, accompanied by public demonstrations and a torrent of complaint, made the Govern-ment decide that the poll tax would be the lesser evil.

A revaluation in England and Wales, now long overdue, would be even more painful, since revaluation in Scotland was carried out in three stages after 1973, whereas in England and Wales - where there is no obligation to revalue periodi-

Womied Tories south of the border should look more closely at the Scottish experience. No one would pretend that the poll tax has been popular in Scotland. At the last election, when it was one of the main issues, the Tory vote fell from 28 per cent to 24 per cent; but the principal complaint was that Scotland was being used as a test-bed by an English" Conservative government - which hardly applies in the case of the poll tax in England and Wales. More important, the Government was then (as now in England and Wales) at its point of maximum

vulnerability, with the legisla-tion passed but before the tax was in operation. Scotland's experience suggests that in a year's time, the atmosphere will be rather dif-ferent. North of the border, they are just coming to the end of the first year of the tax, which was introduced one year ahead of England and Wales. Despite dire

predictions about the difficulties of collecting the tax, 99 per cent of the population have reg. istered, and revenue is running at about 40 per cent of target, which is slightly better than with the rates. While the opposition parties are still trying to make some mileage out of the issue, it is no longer the dominant theme in Scottish politics.

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Local taxation rose sharply in Scotland as councils switched from one tax to the other, just as appears to be happening in England and Wales. Local authorities are well versed in making use of the changes which Whitehall forces on them, and the Government is having to revise its estimates of the average poli tax rate with embarrass. ing frequency. But in Scotland. increases in year two of the tax are proving much lower. One regional council. Grampian, is even reducing its levy.

The real touchstone of success for this fundamental change in local government finance will be whether it achieves what it originally set out to do: increase local accountability. The full-scale trial in Scotland is at too early a stage for any firm conclusions to be reached about that yet, but the regional council elections on May 3 may provide some interesting evidence.

# Oases of delight at risk of desecration

contributions to the visual arts is under Suddenly, over the past two years, the parks of country houses have become the sites for new developments in the open countryside.

The roll call of fine parks under threat makes truly dreadful reading for a country that supposedly cares about the beauty of its landscape. Golf courses are the first new scourge. Two 18-hole golf courses were recently proposed at the great baroque palace of Burley-on-the-Hill in Rutland, which would devastate rare surviving early 18th-century avenues and geometric plantations. Twin 18-hole golf courses are canvassed for the grounds of the Duke of Hamilton's once proud seat at Archerfield, and Robert Adam's majestic castle at Dalquharran in Ayrshire. In Somerset, a compliant council has already given permission to degrade the deep rolling park at Orchardleigh (recently sold to become a country house hotel), with two more 18-hole golf courses, a clubhouse and a second new hotel in the grounds.

The problem is that new golf courses are rarely paying propositions in themselves. It is a question not of a discreet clubhouse, but of dozens of holiday chalets, a hotel to service the chalets, and a conference centre to keep the hotel going in winter. All this in open country where development would not normally be countenanced.

At Dalquharran, there were plans for 60 chalets around the castle; at Archerfield, 300 holiday homes are proposed. The latest proposal is for a 36-hole golf course in the Capability Brown park opposite Warwick Castle, with a hotel and country club to bring "commerce" to the area. In all these cases the revenue would come not from green fees, but from dozens of holiday homes in the grounds. Yet just up the road from Archerfield, Kit Martin is restoring and converting the great Lothian seat at Tyninghame without a penny of historic building grant and without the need for any enabling dev-

elopment whatsoever. When local authorities hand out a sprinkling of planning permissions, all that usually happens is that the price of the decaying shell of a building shoots up. At Burley-on-the-Hill, a hotel group offered an esti-mated £5 million for the longempty house - money that could be recouped only by dev-

elopment in the grounds. Some local authorities are taking a firm line by resisting pressure of this kind, but others mistakenly encourage it. When the Royal Observatory decided to vacate Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex, the district council "helpfully" produced a brief for leisure use, suggesting that up to 60 timeshare units might perhaps be built in the grounds. This did not make it easier to find a sympathetic solution; it merely prompted a substantial



# Marcus Binney suggests a simple

measure to preserve the parks

of country houses from a rising tide of commercial development

increase in the asking price. The noble shell of the Elizabethan Clegg Hall stands in one of the finest stretches of unspoilt countryside to the east of Manchester. The walls are sound, and it could easily be restored as apartments by a building preservation trust. But now, we are told, Clegg Hall can be saved only if permission is given for a vast leisure park around it.

The massive increase in funds for road-building poses an equally grave threat to country house parks. One of the glories of Stamford - the finest town in the east of England - is the way it opens directly on to the great park of Burghley House. For generations, townspeople have had free access to this vast elysium. Now, the sudden sense of release one feels on entering the park is to be shattered by a new bypass, cutting through within yards of the gate and devised without thought for the beauty and history of the place. Another recent proposal is for

a motorway linking the M6 and the M56, which would cut right through the middle of the fine park of Mere Old Hall in Cheshire, the seat of the Brookes family since the Middle Ages. And at Reigate in Surrey, a new bypass proposed by the county council would separate the town from what has long been its park, the grounds of the Priory, sweeping down to a splendid lake.
Quite apart from providing

the setting for some of our

greatest buildings, the parks of country houses are themselves important works of art. "What were known all over the world for a hundred years as English gardens", Lord Clark wrote, were the most pervasive influence that England has ever had on the look of things in Europe.

The parks of country houses are often thought of as the creation of the 18th-century landscape movement, and considcred worth preserving only if the names of Capability Brown or Humphry Repton can be attached to them. But many are much older, and historians are showing that ornamental lakes are in reality sometimes large mill ponds. "Parks there are in England, more than in all Europe," wrote Peter Heylyn in his Cosmographie in 1677.

¬ he beauty of these parks lies in openness and extent, in their great expanses of grassland, uninterrupted by hedges or fences, where deer, cattle or sheep are free to roam at will. In contrast to the intimate domestic scale of much of the English countryside - of small fields, high hedges, narrow footpaths, streams and spinneys entangled in undergrowth - these parks introduce an epic element.

Historic buildings are protected by listing, and there is a whole range of statutory designations to protect the wider landscape: areas of outstanding

natural beauty, sites of special scientific interest, environmentally sensitive areas, green belt and national parks. But the Register of Parks and Gardens drawn up by English Heritage has no legal force. In France, by contrast, there are sites classes as well as *monuments classes*, while the parks of Saint-Cloud, Sceaux, Rambonillet and Compiègne are protected in their own

In Britain, successive governments have shied away from listing gardens as they list buildings, for fear of the burden it would impose on owners whose resources are aiready stretched. But the need is not for a protective order imposing a duty on owners to maintain gardens, which would meet with understandably strong resistance even if it were accompanied by generous grants and tax reliefs.

The need is for Parliament to oblige planning authorities and government departments to pay special regard to the merits of properties on the English Heritage register when they are considering or drawing up proposals for developments or roads. This would be parallel to the special regard that local authorities are obliged to give to proposals affecting the character of conservation areas (under Section 277 (8) of the 1971

Planning Act). It would not involve complicated legislation; it would simply bring an existing list within the framework of structure plans and planning applications. Chris Patten, the Environment Secretary, is said to be looking for quick, simple measures to show his green credentials. Protection for parks and gardens should be high on

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# **Peter Brimelow**

# Value amid the junk

Te had not read a newspaper for three weeks when we boarded the New York flight at Milan airport in late spring 1986. But I felt a

copy of Newsweek magazine. 'Greed on Wall Street" its cover I was reading quietly when my wife looked over, saw a picture, and exclaimed: "Oh, there's Dennis! What's he doing there?" She seized the magazine — and went into a classic triple-take. like a comic character in a silent movie. For Dennis was Dennis

premonition when I picked up a

Levine, one of her colleagues at the Wall Street firm of Drexel Burnham Lambert, then at the very peak (as it turned out) of its fearsome power.

She had told me about Levine's extraordinary coolness under the intense pressure of

deal-making. It was more remarkable than anyone had realized. Levine had been making quick trips abroad to trade stocks on inside information. He, the authorities and his fellow conspirators had just played out a byzantine climax of detection, pursuit and betrayal.

When Drexel Burnham finally collapsed last month, it was easy to forget that the much-publicized insider trading scandals of 1986, which affected several other Wall Street houses, actually had nothing to do with the rather technical securities law charges for which the firm was subsequently forced to pay a huge fine and to abandon its most famous asset, the financier Michael Milken. In fact. Milken has still not been convicted of anything. And the market in high-yielding "junk bonds" which he invented and allegedly manipulated shows distinct signs of continuing despite his

departure. But no financial institution can ultimately withstand the mob psychology of a bank run, which is in effect what finished Drexel. And the relentless hostility with which the authorities reacted to the firm is a notable stain on America's image as a plutocrats' paradise. Another example: the recent jailing of New York hotelier Leona Helmsley, although aged 69 and a first-time offender, over a tax dispute so proportionately minor that it would normally be

viewed as non-criminal. Drexel Burnham has been America's great financial eruption of the age. In the heat it generated, many things might well have melted. Any overall comment must be cautious. But the human drama was

equally fascinating. Whatever else can be said about Drexel, its employees were very able and worked extremely hard - much harder than people outside Wall Street realize. When my wife first joined, she was disturbed to find executives scheduling not one but two successive business breakfasts. Hesitation about a morning meeting was greeted with the reproachful reminder that "it's 5am on The Coast" where representatives of Milken's junk bond factory, which he had moved to his native California, would be listening in on the speakerphone, As a former freelance writer, she began to feel uneasily that a sign on her forchead was flashing the scandalous secret that she had not been out of bed before 10am for several years.

The firm also, at least in its prime, developed an extraordinary clan. The sheer power of money to motivate, sometimes underestimated in the salaried professions, is always a source of explosive energy on Wall Street. which lives on fees and commissions. But there was more to Drexel Burnham. Its chief executive, Fred Joseph - in many ways as remarkable a character as Milken - not only seemed to believe the personnel management claptrap he had imbibed at the Harvard Business School but actually made it - or something

Thus it was several days before my wife realized that the great man was unpretentiously conducting the business of the firm from a desk only two or three from hers in the "bulipen" the huge open office that is a feature of American financial institutions. Even at that time. some fairly hairy heasts roamed Drexel's corridors, but Joseph was somehow able to keep them from cating one another, at least in any generally demoralizing way, for a long time. By Wall Street standards, the firm was positively civilized - if only internally.

ome of Drexel's methods of -. building morale may not be transferable across the Atlantic. All Drexel retainers found themselves plastered with their employer's livery and slogans. As I write this, I am drinking herb tea from a mug emblazoned DREXEL BURNHAM - NO GUTS, NO GLORY!" At one Christmas party, the firm's chairman, Robert Linton, got up wearing the stocking cap asso-ciated in New York with muggers and sang a skit entitled "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Prosecutor" satirizing Rudolph Giuliani, the law-enforcement official who had made Drexel his personal crusade. None of this, of course, staved

off the horrible end. Now this little community is scattering to the winds, wheeling its possessions out of the office on castor chairs for want of trolleys. looking in groups or individually for new employers. At breakfast recently in Delmonico's, the Wall Street restaurant, no fewer than seven Drexel securities analysts could be seen animatedly trying to impress interviewers from seven different brokerage houses over their de-

caffeinated coffee. In the 1960s, it was fashionable to worry that America's largest corporations formed an entrenched "technostructure" that could manipulate the economy. In the 1980s, Drexelfinanced takeovers proved they were not entrenched. Somehow. no one was grateful.

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At school we were always taught that "goodbye" really means "God be with you". Or once did. Now we have abbreviated the sentence and extinguished the sentiment. We have turned what once had meaning into a swift commonplace. The expression passed from full-length to a shorthand version, and finally to a usage which has forgotten even what the shorthand once stood

for. It must be one of a score of

such words. Or actions. "Around the maypole frolics Miss Prism,/Little knowing its symbolism." In Catalonia my nieces and nephews, get their Christmas presents only after their grandparents have tapped on a log of wood — a perfunctory 20th-century reminder of some obscure pagan ceremony perhaps? No doubt historians will, likewise, know why Dame Jill Knight (or any other MP) has

# Tappers, toppers and other rituals

to put on a top hat in the have sound amplification sys Chamber before making a point of order during a division. My father always used to tap the end of his cigarette on the cigarette box, before lighting up -

though the days when you needed to compact the tobacco were long gone. Genteel hostesses serving tea offer the milk in a milk jug, though it must be the better part of a century since the alternative was a churn.

The ritualizing of things, though as old as man, surely continues. What can we spot, passing stealthily from the real today - to tomorrow's ritual? A friend tells me that most Roman Catholic churches now tems for the priest. The sight of Father O'Flaherty walking up to his microphone before the service and tapping it twice to check that it's working is as much part of the form of worship as the bells and incense. A friend speculates that 100 years from now (when microphones are obsolete and sound amplification automatic) an obligatory part of every priest's kit along with chalice, napkin and other accoutrements - will be a small black bulbous object on a stick, which he will solemnly place before him, and tap, twice,

And should you, after Mass,

take the family to a restaurant for

before beginning Mass.



lunch, future generations will see a strange ritual when, the meal over, it is time to go. In those days, of course, no bill, money or plastic will change hands; each potato will have been charged

electronically to the customer's account as it is served. Neverthetence on this procedure are iess, Dad will signal departure by raising his left palm, open, in the air, pinching together the thumb and index finger of his right, and (holding the right six inches from the left) moving the pinched hand across the palm, left to right, in a squiggling motion.
The aircraft emergency routine,

demonstrated in the aisle by cabin crew before the plane takes off, is surely another budding ritual. Hardly anyone watches any more, unless the air hostess is glamorous. You never get this routine on buses, which also have emergency exits and which are far more dangerous as a way of ion. As a performance, it

tence on this procedure was framed when accidents were more common. Now they are rare, but if your 747 does fly into the Atlantic, you are frankly a gonner, and most unlikely to find yourself sliding down those colourful plastic chutes (having first removed all dangerous items like necklaces and high heels), pulling your little toggle to inflate your life vest and blowing your whistle to attract attention.

Often, now, the instructions accompanying the demonstration are a tape recording; and the cabin crew go through the motions in weary, zombie-like fashapproaches a dance routine, and sometimes reminds me of a jaded stripper. So why not formalize the

dance, and make it more entertaining? Why not bring on the air hostess wearing a little slip of a dress in the airline's livery, or the steward in silk boxer shorts, and let them do a dance based on the plane-crash instructions? The choreography I envisage is some-what in the Egyptian style, with arms waved expressively, fingers stabbing in the direction of the emergency exits, and exaggerated

head movements. Everybody could applaud, and anyone who really wanted to know about the life raft could read the instructions.

Further examples abound: but, for the moment, goodbyen-havenisd'y - or God be with you and have a nice day", as the quaint old saying went. A STATE AND LESS OF THE PARTY O

wholesale population of the West Bank and

Gaza with new Jewish immigrants as "an act of

war", but even on the wildest estimates that

Mrs Thatcher is among those Western

leaders who have spoken out against such a

policy in Israel. More seriously from Jeru-

salem's point of view, the American Secretary

of State, Mr James Baker, demanded a

guarantee that the Israelis would halt all

resettlement of immigrants in the territories.

His strong statement has reawakened Israeli

fears that US aid, now running at \$3 billion a

year, would be cut if the Jerusalem Govern-

The Jerusalem Government's complaint

that the United States' impatient intervention

had made it much more difficult for the

Cabinet to reach agreement on starting peace

talks with Palestinians may sound like an

attempt to shift the blame. None the less, Mr

Shamir is in a difficult position, with his Likud

Party split over his peace plan and Labour,

junior partners in the Government coalition,

threatening to pull out if he does not agree to

The Middle East peace process is immensely

complicated. Two vicious terrorist attacks on

Israelis in six months have swung opinion

there towards the right, making compromise

that much more difficult for Mr Shamir, who is

not known for his flexibility. To win agreement

on peace talks with Palestinians is hard

enough. To get a consensus on a Palestinian

delegation which includes Palestinian depor-

tees and Arabs from East Jerusalem (as a

frustrated Mr Baker has proposed) is still more

As this last great ingathering gains mo-

mentum, Israel needs American support more

than ever. The White House therefore has an

increasingly powerful lever to exact the

concessions it sees as desirable. An undertak-

ing that it does not contemplate large-scale new

settlement in the disputed territories is a price

Israel should be prepared to pay for progress

towards peace and for help in absorbing its new

that many have put their houses up for sale.

This could be premature. He may well be

turning into the Ceaucescu of the Caribbean.

but Dr Castro still enjoys a degree of affection

and loyalty denied to the former party

Signs of discontent are manifest, for all that.

There was the Stalinist show trial last summer

which ended with the execution of General

Arnaldo Ochoa, a hero from the Angolan war,

and the shooting or jailing of half a dozen other

officers. Though he was convicted of drug

trafficking, most Cubans took Ochoa's trial as

evidence of high-level opposition to the rule of

Fidel and his brother Raul, his most trusted

The security forces are receiving new riot

control equipment to cope with the expected

reaction to deeper penury. This is inevitable,

given the Soviet reluctance to continue paying

five billion dollars a year to keep Dr Castro's

paradise afloat. Mr Gorbachov, who tired of Dr Castro's ranting on a visit to Havana last

year, has told him that Cuba must start earning

its keep - something unlikely so long as its

For the United States, Dr Castro is still a

threat. He is arming guerrillas in El Salvador

and elsewhere and he has just taken delivery of

new Soviet MiG-29 warplanes. The Bush

Administration is content to wait for the reign

to collapse before making any move to end the

island's quarantine. Once the darling of the left

around the hemisphere, Fidel is now regarded

even by Latin intellectuals as an eccentric

Dr Castro is said by visitors to be growing

bitter and despondent about his place in

history. He probably will not listen, but his

friends might try suggesting again that he hold

a plebiscite of the kind that eased General

Pinochet from power in Chile. If, as likely, he

lost, he could at least depart in dignity.

leader rejects all free market reforms.

countrymen from the Soviet Union.

dictators of Europe.

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has never been in question.

ment refused to comply.

Mr Baker's own proposals.

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NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM

These are difficult days for Israel. The tensions

generated by the intifada have now been

compounded by the continuing flow of

immigrants from the Soviet Union. Yes-

terday's imposition of censorship on any items

of news relating to the subject gives the

There is no question of the newcomers not

being welcome. Their right to be there is

established by the Law of Return. Soviet Jewry

constituted the last great reservoir of immigra-

tion, and the opening of the gates has long been

a cherished aim of Israeli policy. It was, indeed,

until recently a source of grievance in

Jerusalem that 90 per cent of those leaving the

Soviet Union wanted to settle not in Israel but

New American restrictions on immigration,

however, together with a disturbing growth of

anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe, has pushed

up the numbers now seeking a new future in

Israel to a level which is almost overwhelming.

The long-term result should hugely benefit

Israel. In the short term the high cost of

absorption has led to heavy dependence on US

According to long-established principle,

newcomers are allowed to settle where they

please, and a number of those from Russia

have chosen a life in some of Israel's new

settlements, including those in the territories

occupied since the 1967 war. How many have

chosen to do is not known. Officially the

Government dismisses it as a fraction, and

denied encouraging them to do so. But which

areas constitute the "occupied territories" is

disputed - particularly on the outskirts of

Resettlement has been a hotly-debated issue

since the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir,

said earlier this year that the growing Soviet exodus required "the land of Israel, a large and

strong Israel". Despite his denials, this was

interpreted as meaning that he contemplated

retaining the occupied territories to accom-

modate the increasing population. The Pal-

estine Liberation Organization has already

responded by declaring that it would regard the

When the Nicaraguan people sent their

revolutionary leaders packing last Sunday they

also sharpened the solitude of a lonely man -

Fidel Castro. the last relic of unreconstructed

Leninism outside Albania and Asia. The

Cuban leader has watched in disgust as the

people of Eastern Europe have yielded to the

allure of capitalism and cast off their "socialist

gains". He has suffered in sorrow as his Soviet

benefactors have abandoned old dogmas and

In December, the Americans removed his

useful ally Manuel Noriega of Panama and

then last Sunday came proof that the anti-

communist wolf had leaped the Atlantic and

was padding around the Caribbean back yard.

Apart from Cuba, Nicaragua was the only

surviving remnant of tropical Marxism and,

despite some recent estrangement, it was the

When they shot their way to power in 1979,

the Sandinistas were Fidel's boys. He had

them. In Fidel's view, President Daniel Ortega

had only himself to blame for his defeat. "You

chose to take the revolution on to the

bourgeois' territory and you lost", he was

reported to have shouted at Senor Ortega in an

Consulting his people via the ballot box is

the last thing Dr Castro plans for Cuba. The

faster communism withers around the planet,

the farther he drives his country into harsh

isolation. Last month, he decided it was time

to respond to the worldwide "crisis of

socialism" with what were called profound

reforms. This, it turned out, meant calling a

, inspired them and trained them and armed

set off into heretical lands.

one dearest to Dr Castro's heart.

angry telephone call on Monday.

Jerusalem.

measure of Israeli concern and anxiety.

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party congress for 1991 with the task of 'making more perfect" the Leninist control of In southern Florida, home to several hundred thousands Cuban exiles, they are so sure that Dr Castro's regime is disintegrating

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT This year marks the centenary of the death of John Henry Newman, one of the most eminent of all the great Victorians. He is being remembered far and wide: in his two cities, Birmingham and Oxford; his two colleges, Oriel and Trinity, his two churches, the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church;

and in a variety of lesser institutions with

which he was associated, usually by having

started them. He seems by now to belong to everyone, and the National Portrait Gallery has this week paid its own tribute by opening an exhibition in his honour. There is already a whole international industry in Newman doctoral theses, no doubt partly explained by the sheer pleasure of

exploring his angelic prose. Seldom has the English language been deployed so lucidly to such rigorous intellectual purpose. A subtle difference exists between an artificial appiversary and a real one. The artificial variety is dreamt up to promote contemporary causes. A real anniversary, in which category it would be right to put that of Newman, refuses to allow itself to be used for such ulterior purposes. It responds to a public

interest which already exists independently of What then does Cardinal Newman mean today? What he was first famous for was the launching of a movement to restore Tradition to the Church of England, in which Church his heirs keep up a good fight which is still neither won nor lost. He wanted to make it a truer Church, but his personal search was for the true Church; so he became famous - for a while infamous - for his conversion from

Anglicanism to Rome. The contemporary relevance of his startling transfer of allegiance has been somewhat diminished by the modern ecumenical movement, where the hostilities over which Church

is truest have been superseded. But that revolution in relationships was itself largely the result of the Second Vatican Council, 1962-65, which has frequently been referred to as Newman's Council because of the way so many of his insights at last found their mark. The modern Roman Catholic Church has become increasingly aware how much it owes to one 19th-century Englishman, who trans-

conseguences. Newman next became famous as the object of Charles Kingsley's insouciant barbs, and for his defence of himself in his great Apologia, which was the great literary sensation of its time. From then on he was rarely out of the public eye; and towards the end he became famous as a Cardinal, which was no mere ex officio elevation but a personal tribute of Pope Leo XIII. He is famous still, not least for his hymns Lead Kindly Light and Praise to the Holiest in the height, which comes from his

epic poem, later set by Elgar, The Dream of

planted his Oxford Anglican mind into a

Roman Catholic soul with astonishingly fertile

He died on August 11, 1890, the hundredth anniversary of which will mark the culmination of this Newman year, and his influence does not diminish even now. His Idea of a University illuminates the contemporary debase over the purposes of academic education as a beacon flashing out a piercing message -"There is a knowledge which is desirable, though nothing come of it, as being of itself a treasure, and a sufficient remuneration of years of labour." It may be a little out of fashion, though its time will come again. And so, it may be hoped, will favour return to Newman's "idea of a gentleman" - "It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never inflicts pain."

the inner-city

From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute Sir, The Prime Minister's commitment to a private and publicsector partnership in the Action for Cities campaign (report, March 1) is welcome. Unfortunately, she has in mind the kind of partnership which existed between

the Lone Ranger and Tonto. The private sector plays the Lone Ranger - a (well-fed) hero on a white horse given more public money to spend on silver bullets. The public sector is Tonto

the sidekick who repeatedly gets

into trouble and has to be rescued by our hero. Whilst more Government cash goes to the private sector, local authorities are now being forced to put a large proportion of their capital receipts into debt redemption rather than new schemes. This is the economics of yester-

year, not of the entrepreneurial As inner-city renewal up and down the country has shown, an effective partnership requires the public sector to provide the context, certainty, and infrastructure - or doing the job where the private sector can't — which will encourage the private sector to invest in the high-risk, less attrac-tive parts of our cities where

growth is most needed. The Government should implement the Audit Commission's recommendation of local regeneration strategies drawn up by local authorities in partnership with the private sector and the community. Local authority capital spending would then be free of unnecessary restrictions where it is implementing regeneration strategy. In this way, we can move towards a coordinated approach and away

Audit Commission criticised. Our inner cities require planning and true partnership; they cannot be left entirely to the Lone Yours faithfully, ROBIN THOMPSON,

from the fragmentation which the

26 Portland Place, W1. March 1.

The Royal Town Planning

TV and football From Sir John Nicholls Sir, You report today (March 2) on your sports pages that the international football authorities are considering altering the structure of games in a coming competition to break the game into four quarters to provide more

intervals for TV advertising.

I can't make out why this idea should offend me so much. I'm not all that keen on TV soccer but I nevertheless have a feeling that we are facing yet another great shove down the dizzy slope of triviality. If the idea had come from the players complaining about the strain of the game it would have

been different. But the prospect that a well-founded and longstanding pattern should be thrown away for advertising convenience No doubt those who arrange TV contracts are likely to say that the sport needs the money and that we will all benefit in some unspecified

way. But then I think that was where the dizzy slope began. Yours faithfully, JOHN NICHOLLS, Dove Barn, Old Coast Road,

## Ormesby St Margaret,

March 2, Cricketing tribute From Canon Eric James Sir, The death of L. E. G. Ames, the Kent and England cricketer (Obituaries, February 28), will stir many a grateful memory. For the late Bishop John Robinson, for instance, the Canterbury Cricket

Week was a kind of secular "Holy Week", with people like Ames and Frank Woolley as the "holy ones". As a schoolboy at Mariborough, John Robinson produced what was virtually his first book (nearly a quarter of a century before Honest to God) - an analysis of Ames's career, from 1926-1939, occupying 150 pages. His scores and strokes are meticulously re-

corded and analysed by "spiders".

The record is complete with score-

This particular week seems an

appropriate time to give thanks

not only for L. E. G. Ames but for

the game of cricket, to which he

made such a signal contribution.

cards and illustrations.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC JAMES, 11 Denny Crescent, Kennington, SEI 1. February 28.

Christ in history From the Reverend Tony Higton Sir, Clifford Longley ("Relentless Durham Inquisition", February 24) is mistaken to think that the Bishop of Durham was subjected to a "second trial" at the recent General Synod. My amendment provided the synod for the first time with a motion effectively calling for his resignation. The fact that it was rejected will add to the disillusionment, hurt and betrayal

felt by thousands of Christians.

Christianity is essentially based

on the historical events of Christ's

birth, life, death, empty tomb, etc.

of history at a particular time and

place.

The traditional (and biblical) view of the Virgin Birth and Resurrection is that they are literal events. It is this interpretation the

If any of these events did not occur historically then belief in the Yours faithfully. TONY HIGTON.

#### Lone Rangers in Motorway plan for Twyford Down Community care From Councillor Mrs P. Edwards

Sir, As you indicated so cogently

Winchester City Council com-

well-known firm of civil en-

Mrs Thatcher has stated that we

responsible for pollution pay the

cost. Hampshire County Council

has recently donned a "green"

disguise but conveniently closed its eyes to the destruction of an

area of outstanding natural beauty

within sight of County Hall. The

public will judge them all by their

(Chairman, Planning Committee,

the Secretary of State for Trans-

port has made the right decision.

It would be a criminal act if a

small number of protesters were to

allow more deaths and disasters

on the present two-lane deathtrap

in order to protect a comparative-

ly small area of beautiful country.

route will be to open up St

Catherine's Hill to many who

before have never dared to ven-

ROGER W. HAMMOND.

Flat 19, Painters Field,

Hubert Road, St Cross,

Winchester, Hampshire.

One compensation of the new

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA EDWARDS

Winchester City Council),

Crabtrees, Lanham Lane.

Winchester, Hampshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From the Director of the British Road Federation Sir, Your suggestion ("Motorway

in your leading article today, Mr Madness", February 28) that the Parkinson's decision to ravage transport secretary has made the Twyford Down was taken on wrong decision over M3 Twyford grounds of economy alone. None Down is open to question on at of the other arguments he cited least two counts. stand up to scrutiny. Perhaps he

This is not the first time that should consult our European partsimilar indignation has been ex- ners on the efficacy of tunnels to pressed over the anticipated accommodate juggernaut lorries! environmental impact of major road developments. I recall the missioned expert advice from a M40 at the Chiltern escarpment, the M62 in the Pennines, the M6 in Cumbria and M25 in the Darenth Valley.

Nor is cost the only criterion on which the M3 decision has been for future generations. The Gov-ernment is anxious to make those reached. To quote from the

inspector's report - and he recom-

mended against the tunnel after two separate public inquiries: jor tunnel alternative is outweighed by the combined effects of substanon Winchester and St Cross, the provision of large sites for soil disposal and disruption to BR, which by comparison with the Department's proposals are not

.. strikes the most favourable balance of all routes in the interests of people, the wider countryside, the environment and Winche The Government has pursued

fully its obligation to consult, even

to the extent of a second inquiry -

English Heritage to appear. urgently needed piece of road. On past evidence, the gloom will be

From the Editor of Railway Gazette International Sir, Imagine the laurels awaiting the inventor of a transport system that could carry, without a single death, the passenger-miles achieved by all the cars on Britain's roads in three years. Look no further - it has been done

(train de grande vitesse). run, again without a fatal accident.

a fair approximation of the Chan-

Plowden said (article, February Established views From Mr Peter Wood turing and commercial activity, whereas enterprise and its dis-

Peter Morgan ignores among other things the historic role of I on or tonne?

tonne (letter, February 28). million, unless the American accent is clear. Yours faithfully.

Leicester. February 28.

RODNEY B. SPOKES,

155 Scraptoft Lane,

It is difficult to see how bishops who hold that the virginal conception is not an historical event avoid the old heresy that Christ was an existing human being adopted by the Holy Spirit Similarly, if they believe that Christ's body was not raised, surely they hold to the immortality of the soul

synod has now reaffirmed, nem.

28) "many more people could die in a serious accident...than were killed at Zeebrugge or King's Cross". Well, lots of nasty things can happen in this uncerta world, but the best way to avoid them is to use systems with a good safety record. Yet, without quot-

Plowden says we should stop building the tunnel and "safety is the overriding issue". If carrying people in their cars through long railway tunnels is so dangerous, where are the corpses? Our roads produce 100 a week regular as clockwork, but nobody suggests shutting them down presumably because killing people

ing a single safety statistic,

in ones or twos doesn't constitute a disaster Yours faithfully RICHARD HOPE, Editor,

Railway Gazette International, nel tunnel, of which Stephen Ouadrant House, Sutton, Surrey. many within the Establishment in promoting industry and investment and the failure of Thatcherite-era managers to effect a durable transition to an alternative, cooperative industrial rela-

tions culture. His readiness to

blame in an entirely imprecise

generalising way, whole sections

of society for arguable decline seems indeed more symptomatic of the problem than of the creativity that might produce 2DSWESS. Yours faithfully

PETER WOOD,

Newbold Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Private's enterprise From Mr Jack Triggs
Sir, A recent report in The Times

(February 26) concerning the ex-

pected profits from the sale of

fragments from the Berlin Wall

reminds me of the sale (on a much smaller scale, but with great ingenuity) of parts of another German wall in June, 1944. An elderly private soldier - the Colonel's batman - in a battalion of my regiment that landed as part of a beach group on D-Day, discovered the remains of a German pillbox with a hole in one

wall, closely resembling a ticket

box-office window.

On June 8, the batman was ensconced at the window with an ample supply of small concrete pieces and a notice stating, "Pieces of Hitler's original Western Wall, 2s.6d." For two days there was a small queue of teenage sailors, mostly American from the landing craft arriving on each tide, happily handing over their half crowns.

to close the "shop", but the batman made over £250. Yours faithfully, JACK TRIGGS 68 Campden Hill Court Campden Hill Road, W8. February 28.

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# of mentally ill

From Professor Robert Bluglass Sir, Psychiatric patients are increasingly to be cared for by a network of services in the community rather than in hospital. On February 27 (early editions) you reported the concern expressed by Judge Lymbury, QC, at the Central Criminal Court about the release from hospital of patients who rely on medication.

This is a concern shared by many professionals who are aware of the problems in management, and occasionally risk, that can arise when such patients cease to take the drugs prescribed for them, which are crucial for their continned community care.

At the present time, such patients cannot be recalled to hospital compulsorily, should they refuse an invitation to be admitted voluntarily, until their mental state has deteriorated seriously. A number of proposals have been made to change the Mental Health Act 1983, for instance, to introduce a new form of "community care order" and to extend the powers of guardianship for psychiatric patients. However, compulsory treatment in the community is in many ways unsatisfactory and is an intrusion upon civil rights, whether by treatment order

or by changing guardianship. I suggest that the solution which would be applicable to most patients in this category would be to amend the Act to allow the discharge of appropriate patients, with the condition that they would continue to be subject to recall to a hospital if the patient failed to take medication. This would be a form of conditional discharge along similar lines to that already allowed for patients on restriction orders who are discharged by a

qualified discharge should be allowed a periodic application to have his case reviewed by a tribunal. Yours faithfully, R. S. BLUGLASS The University of Birmingham, Department of Psychiatry, Reaside Clinic, Bristol Road South, Rubery, Rednal,

Birmingham.

February 28.

Mental Health Review Tribunal,

A patient subject to such a

From Mr D. G. Evans Sir. Despite extensive attention to the developments in South Africa. the important issue of the "poor whites is seldom mentioned. Forming the main support for ev cerry from an Afrikaner background occupying poorly paid jobs in the Civil Service, police, railways,

S Africa's poor whites

Post Office and similar Government organisations, making up half of the white work-force in the country. They are the most vulnerable as job reservation disappears and Asian, Coloured and, in due course, Bantu blacks begin to threaten their livelihood. They live in down-town areas, where

the Group Areas Act fails to

operate, and they have no other

South Africa is a diverse coun-

land in which to take refuge.

try, with a dozen or more black ethnic groups. It is unfortunately hardly appreciated that the whites are equally diverse, with the poor whites occupying an important laagered group. Yours faithfully, D. G. EVANS. 46 Lavion's Lane Sunbury-on-Thames,

Middlesex.

February 26.

Fight against drugs From Mr Philip F. Nind Sir, The drugs industry possesses massive international organizations with elaborate distribution networks and money laundering facilities across national frontiers on a scale greater even than those of the large multinational corporations. It cares nothing for the evil it produces, and despite the valiant efforts of some individual drug enforcement agencies it

thumbs its nose at governments

Surely there is a case now for

every national government to

have an independent drugs

department and for every Cabinet

a senior minister for drugs? Let the

EC set the ball rolling for Europe

with its drugs ministers meeting

regularly in the same way that its

foreign ministers (and others)

and at national boundaries.

#### Yours sincerely, PHILIP F. NIND, The White House, Abinger Common, Surrey. February 26.

have done hitherto.

Ghost platform From Mr John Wade Sir, My late father always considered it to be discourteous to leave a wireless set running in an empty room, "Letting the man talk with nobody to listen to him".

This morning, as my train wended its erratic way through the The Colonel then instructed me City, we crawled through the deserted and unlit Mansion House station. As we did so we could all hear the recorded platform announcement about delays. Who was he talking to? Is there life down there as we know it? Yours faithfully, JOHN WADE Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number --Savage Club. 9 Fitzmaurice Place Berkeley Square, W1. February 20.

#### gineers, with proven experience in the construction of such tunnels, before taking the decision to About the latter the Countryside support this solution. Indeed, the inspector in his report acknowl-

deeds.

February 28.

ture near it.

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Yours sincerely

Commission said publicly that the M25 would be an unedges the feasibility and environ-mental superiority of the tunnel. compromisingly alien element in English Heritage and the Countryan unspoilt area". Ten years later this scaremongering has been side Commission - Government shown to be totally unjustified and the Darenth Valley is a better appointed advisers - condemn the cutting. should regard ourselves as guardians of our heritage to preserve it

... on the basis of evidence pre-sented at these inquiries, the environmental superiority of a maby the combined energy of substan-tially higher capital costs and worse economic performance, a much delayed opening date, the implica-tions of adverse traffic distribution

> He went on to say that the Department's scheme: From the Reverend R. W. Hammond Sir, Those of us who live near the Winchester bypass, and regularly drive around its tortuous and perilous bends, would agree that

with further delay - to allow Countryside Commission and At last a conclusion has been reached jointly by the secretaries of state for the environment and for transport. Let us have an end to delay and get on with an

#### Pillar House 194-202 Old Kent Road, SE1. March I.

Channel tunnel issues

already by Japan's bullet trains (which spend a third of their time in tunnels) and the French TGV Now conceive, if you can, a new kind of motorway on which 300 million vehicle-miles could be

Amazingly, that exists too, this time as car-carrying trains through the Alpine tunnels. Put them together and you have

Sir, The basic difficulty with the argument of the new President of the Institute of Directors (report, February 28) — that the Establishment is responsible for the antienterprise culture - is that it locates the spirit of enterprise simply and solely in manufac-

agreeable opposite are found in every sphere of national life, including the Church and the

From Mr Rodney B. Spokes Sir, With a mere difference of 1.6 per cent it is normally of little consequence whether one understands the speaker to mean ton or What is becoming more difficult to understand from the spoken word is whether billion means a million million or a thousand

rather than the Christian doctrine of the Resurrection.

The Rectory, Hawkwell,

incurration, atonement and Resurrection becomes untenable. The whole Christ-event is an invasion

proved to be quite unjustified. Yours faithful PETER J. WITT, Director, British Road Federation Limited,

#### COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 1: The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Colonel of the Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt
Universities Officers Training
Corps, this evening attended a
dinner with the Honorary Colonels of the Lowlands at the
Officers Mess, 71 (Scottish)
Engineer Regiment (V), 51
Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow.
His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant for the City of
Glasgow (Mrs Susan Baird, the
Right Hon Lord Provost).
Major Sir Guy Ackland, Bt,
was in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Blaich (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport — London this evening upon the departure of the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea and Lady Eri and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her

March 2: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Glas-Duke of Edinburgh visited Glasgow today and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mrs Susan Baird, the Right Hon Lord Provost) and Councillor James Jennings (Convener, Strathclyde Regional Council).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness done to the King's Highness drove to the King's Theatre and witnessed the handover title of "European City of Culture 1990" from the Mayor of Paris (Monsieur Jacques Chirac) to the Lord Provost.

Afterwards The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, opened the renovated McLellan Galleries, unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the British Art Show.

Subsequently Her Majesty with His Royal Highness, heroused the Lead Processing and the Lead Processi

honoured the Lord Provost with her presence at lunch in the City In the afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a performance at the

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, will present the BAAB Trophies at the City Chambers, Glasgow, at 11.30; and will open the twenty-first European Indoor Athletic Championships at the Kelvin Hall International Sports Arena

Patrick Shervington, Deputy Colonel of the City of London Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, read from the works of Canon General D.H.D. Selwood, Director of Army Legal Services, also representing the Colonel Commandant of the Army Legal Corps, read the lesson and Brigadier M.H.F. Clarke, Army Legal Corps, gave an address. Among those present were:

Luncheons

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens to bid farewell to the High Commissioner for India and Shrimati Kadambari Rasgotra. British Conneil

Sir Richard Francis, Director-General of the British Council, Hawkins, Headmaster.

worth, London. Mr D.W. Langlands Pearse and Miss S. Gordon Cumning The engagement is announced between Dominic, youngest son of Commander Ian Langlands

Pearse and the late Margaretta, Mrs Langlands, and Sarah, el-dest daughter of Sir William Gordon Cumming and Elisa-beth, Lady Gordon Cumming.

Mr C.J. Fry and Miss A.J. Aspinali The engagement is announced between Cosmo, second son of Mr Jeremy Fry, of Freshford Bath, Somerset, and Mrs John Fairbairn, of Cuckfield, Sussex. and Amanda, only daughter of Mr John Aspinall, of Howletts, Canterbury, Kent, and Mrs Jane Aspinall, of Tomintoul.

Mr P.J. Bridgewater and Miss S.L. Marsh

The engagement is announced between Peter Jeremy, younger son of Mr R. Doug Bridgewater and Mrs Pamela Kearsley, both and Mrs rameia Kearsiey, both of Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, and Sarah Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek W. Marsh, of Middleton Stoney,

Mr P.R.G. Chalmers and Miss J.G. Posthamus and Miss J.G. Posthumus
The engagement is announced
between Patrick, only son of
Mrs Lavinia Chalmers, of Nerja,
Spain, and the late Mr Patrick
Chalmers, of Aldbar, Angus,
and Josien, youngest daughter
of Mr Henk Posthumus and the
late Mrs Alida Posthumus, of
Marum, Holland. ess of Airlie, Sir Robert Fellowes and Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt

were in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a reception hosted by the Right Hon Rich-ard Luce, MP (Minister for the Arts) at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

Glasgow.

His Royal Highness later attended an International Gala Evening at the Theatre Royal, followed by a Gala Supper at the Forum Hotel, Glasgow.

The Duke of Edmburgh was

received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mrs Susan Baird, the Right Hon Lord Provost). Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt was

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended a reception, dinner and presentation as part of the National Conference of Special Projects at the Low Wood Hotel, Windermere. His Royal Highness was received by Colonel T H H Hodgson (Vice Lord-Lieutenant

of Cumbria). Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. The Princess Royal visited Sheffield today and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Neill).
Her Royal Highness, Patron,
Universiade '91, visited the
World Student Games' Topping Out Ceremony, at Ponds Forge, Sheffield.

In the afternoon The Princess Royal opened the Age Concern Centre, Division Street, Sheffield.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness visited the Young Men's Christian Association, Broomhall Road, Sheffield. Subsequently The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, visited the Fund's shop in Crookes Road, Broomhill, Sheffield.

attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE March 2: The Princess of Wales visited the Metropolitan Police

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in

Driving School, Peel Centre, Aerodrome Road, NW9. The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring Citizens Theatre.

The Secretary of State for Scotland (The Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, MP), the Countable Aerodrome Road, NW9.

The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

# the Duke of Edinbugh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit the Charlotte Mason College of Education, Ambleside, at 1.10; and the Phoenix Centre,

Windermere, at 3.25. The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will open the Sailboat '90 RYA National Dinghy Show at Crystal Palace at 10.30; and, as Parton of the Scottish Puetre Union will attend the Rugby Union, will attend the Wales v Scotland match at Prince Edward, as Chairman of Cardiff Arms Park at 2.00.

Memorial service Major-General David Appleby A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General David Appleby was held at St Sep-uichre-without-Newgate on Thursday. The Rev G.H. Roblin, Deputy Chaplain Gen-eral, officiated and Colonel

> was host yesterday at a luncheor held at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of Mrs Nadir Khakwani, Minister of Population Welfare of Pakistan.

St Anne's School, Windermere

Mr John Banham, Director Mr John Banham, Discussing General of the CBI, was the principal guest at St Anne's School, on Friday evening. He was welcomed by Mr Michael

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.P. Young Mr R.J. Baker and Miss A.C.S. Browne and Miss K.J. Bowen The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of between Richard James, second the late Mr Peter Young and the son of Mr and Mrs Robert Hon Mrs Young, of Orchard Baker, of Mayford, Woking,

House, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, and Andrea, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs
daughter of Major (retd) Geoffirey Browne MBE, of Curry
Rivel, Somerset, and Mrs
Sheilagh Browne, of Wandsworth London.

Mr W.H. Holbech
and Miss M.F.U. Gaskell and Miss M.F.U. Gaskell
The engagement is announced
between William, son of Mr and
Mrs John Holbech, and Matilda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Gaskell. Mr J.D. Hughes and Miss K.M. Dyer

and Miss K.M. Dyer
The engagement is announced
between Jonathon, younger son
of Mr Peter Hughes, of Chalfont
St Peter, Buckinghamshire, and
Mrs M.C. Hughes, of Langley,
Berkshire, and Kate, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Dyer, of Three Mile Cross,
Berkshire Berkshire.

Mr P.J.F. May and Miss S.A. King The engagement is announced between Patrick, second son of Mr and Mrs (Fido) Vivian May. of Powerstock, Dorset, and Alice, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald King, of Zimbabwe and Exeter, Devon.

Mr C.W.F. Proud and Miss J.M. Luck The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.W.B. Proud, of Heathfield, E Sussex, and Jo-anne, younger daughter of Mr R.J. Luck and the late Mrs Heather Luck, of Winkfield, Berkshire.

Marriage

Mr E.S.W. Atherton and Mrs E.C. Williamson Mr Eric Atherton, of Harrow, and Mrs Caroline Williamson, also of Harrow, were married at the Civic Centre, Harrow, yesterday. The reception will be in

# **OBITUARIES**

# DAVID GOLDFARB

# Geneticist's seven year battle to leave Russia

Dr David Goldfarb, a Soviet Jewish geneticist who died of heart failure on February 24 at the age of 71, emigrated to America with the aid of Armand Hammer, the international businessman, after a seven year battle to leave

Goldfarb had been in Bethesda, Maryland, since December as a visiting scholar at the National Institute of Health.

He was suffering from di-abetes and heart disease before he was granted permission to leave Moscow October, 1986. Goldfarb had been in hospital for some time and was strapped to a reclining chair when he and his wife boarded Hammer's private jet.

Their daughter, Olga, and her two daughters were left behind, but the family say that Olga is now free to leave the Soviet Union and expects to emigrate with her daughters in May, fulfilling her father's wish. His son, Alex, a microbiologist, emigrated in 1975 and is now an Assistant Professor at Columbia University.

In 1978, David Goldfarb resigned as head of the laboratory of molecular genetics of bacteria, operated by the Soviet Academy of Sciences. He had done pioneering work in genetics after the downfall of Tofrim D. Lysenko, the agronomist whose school of scientists under Stalin disputed accepted theories of heredity and forced mainstream geneticists into the background.



a graduate of the state medical school in Moscow.

World War while serving as an army medical officer. He did medical research after the war, Polonnoe in the Ukraine, was of the Lysenko school to case

assume increasingly important scientific posts.

Goldfarb and his wife, Ceci-He lost his left leg at lia, sought to join their son in Stalingrad in the Second the United States in the late the United States in the late 1970s but were denied permission to leave and their fight to emigrate turned into Goldfarb, who was born in emerging after the overthrow an international human rights

friendly with Nicholas Daniloff, a correspondent of U.S. News & World Report, who was based in Moscow. As Daniloff was preparing to end his assignment and return to the United States, he was detained by the Soviet authorities on August 30. 1986, and charged with spying for the CIA, which was vigorously denied. He was released two weeks later and allowed to leave the Soviet Union in exchange for a Soviet employee of the United Nations held by the United States on spying charges.

As a result they became

According to Daniloff, the KGB in 1984 had asked Goldfarb to invite him home in a scheme to embarrass him. Goldfarb refused to cooperate, which further complicated his attempt to emigrate. And when Daniloff was detained. Goldfarb offered to leave his sickbed and testify on his behalf. Alex Goldfarb had asked Hammer to intervene with the Soviets. Chairman of Occidental Petroleum, Armand Hammer had a long history of doing business with the Soviet Union and, when on a periodic trip to Moscow. raised Goldfarb's case with Anatoly F. Dobrynin, the former Soviet Ambassador to Washington.

Though Dobrynin initially said that Goldfarb's emigration would be impossible. Hammer was told next day he could take Goldfarb and his wife with him when he left on October 16. Hammer believed Mikhail S. Gorbachev had approved the release.

# ROGER CLIFFORD

Presenting stars in the West End theatre Roger Clifford, a well-known Evans and Friends — a collecbusiness on his own.

figure in London's West End theatre in the Sixties and Seventies, has died in Laguna, California, after a stroke. He After a successful career in

public relations he went into theatrical management at the Albery Theatre in 1973, presenting Dorothy Tutin in J. M. Barrie's What Every Woman Knows. This was followed by two musicals. Happy As A Sandbag and Leave It to Heaven, followed Ardèle, starring Vincent Price and Coral Browne. His most ment was to have devised, directed and presented Edith

tion of poems and excerpts from Dame Edith's most successful roles worked into a one-woman show, which proved to be her farewell appearance on the stage. This was seen first at the Haymarket Theatre in 1974, later went on tour and returned to the Phoenix.

Born on September 27, 1938, in Bristol, Roger Clifford entered Bristol University in 1956. After graduating he came to London and by a revival of Jean Anouilh's started in the pop industry, promoting such stars as Tommy Steele and Lonnie distinguished accomplish- Donegan. He then worked lie Girl before setting up in spite of good taste and insis- anonymity.

He was one of the most tactful and soft-spoken PR men. Magnificent results were obtained with the minimum of fuss and the maximum of. good manners. He dealt successfully with the temperaments of Ginger Rogers, Lauren Bacall and Marlene Dietrich, as well as the more co-operative Deborah Kerr and Dames Anna Neagle and Cicely Courtneidge. He even managed to tame Zsa Zsa Gabor.

tence on quality, he did not have the financial success for which he had hoped. When the crunch came he showed enormous courage and resilience, but, having always said that PR was not a career that could be sustained for a lifetime, he had no thought of starting again in that field.

So in 1982 he decided to leave London for California and a very different life - a reaction against the obligations and responsibilities of the theatre. There he picked He promoted many of the up jobs where he could, biggest London productions of mostly cooking dinners for his time, but when he went well-heeled Californians with Harold Fielding on Char- into production on his own, in happy in the sun with his

# from Alzheimer's Disease for several years.

arranging the Italian army surrender in 1943 (when final withdrawal of occupying forces when Austria became an independent nation.

avoid confusion.

Alastair Gordon, the son, changed his surname to Cranstoun in 1950 on the death of his uncle, the previous head of the family.

action in France in 1917. Alastair, after education at Ampleforth and Magdalene College, Oxford, where he gained a first in history, was helped by a former colleague and friend of his father to join the Grenadier Guards, in which he was commissioned.

He was wounded in action in France in 1940 but escaped and served with the Grenadiers 6th Battalion in North Africa, where he was again wounded seriously and was awarded the Military Cross. As a consequence of these wounds he never saw action again but worked in intelligence in the advance up Italy

# Lt COL ALASTAIR **CRANSTOUN**

## Helping to arrange Italian army's surrender

Licutenant Colonel Alastair and into Austria and later ("Sandy") Cranstoun, MC, of served in the British military that Ilk and of Corchouse, head of the family of Cranstoun, died suddenly on February 28 at his home. He was aged 79 and had suffered While in Italy he was deeply

In his military and diplomatic career during and after the Second World War he played a key role both in Mussolini was replaced by Marshal Badoglio) and in the

Alastair Joseph Edgar Cranstoun was born Alastair Gordon on August 11, 1910, son of another regular army officer, Major General Alister Gordon, DSO, a Gordon Highlander. In those days in the Highlands it was common practice for sons to be named after their fathers but with a difference in spelling to

His father was killed in

mission to Greece. He became a military attache in 1948 and as such was posted to the British embassy in Portugal.

involved in negotiations with Italian officers before the successful "change of sides" of the Italians. When posted to Greece he was also active against the post-war communist insurgents.

His final overseas posting before retiring was to Vicana where as Deputy British Com-mandant he was involved in the delicate four-power negotiations before the occupying armies withdrew and Austria became an independent nation again. He commanded the final withdrawal. At the very end he was the senior allied officer left in Vienna

Part of his success in his career was his fluency in languages - he learned easily Portuguese, Greek, German, French and Italian. He also spoke Arabic.

After his retirement in 1959 Lieutenant Colonel Cranstoun became deeply involved in local affairs, and was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Lanarkshire and also made his family home at Corehouse Lanark.

Although this was not the original home of the Cranstouns - they lost their original lands in the South East of Scotland in the 18th century - the name of "Corehouse" has been adopted into their family name.

He married Teresa Fessia. They have no children so the new head of the family of Cranstoun is their nephew David Lockhart, a Scnior Agricultural Lecturer in

## Mr JUSTICE McNEILL

Mr Justice Anthony Evans

May I add a postscript to your obituary notice of Mr Justice McNeill (February 27th)? Your heading "Weighing up the evidence on the merits of the case" is as fine a tribute as can be earned by any Judge, and I would only seek to add. as an advocate who appeared before him and as one who was later an admiring junior colleague, a more personal footnote.

He was a sound lawyer, an

hard-working judge, a delightful companion and above all a modest and courteous man, sustained by the devotion of his charming wife, Margaret. He was, I believe, much respected by members of the Bar, not least by its younger members. As for the manner in which he conducted proceedings in his Court, a sufficient tribute is the report that, when the news of his death was announced to the jurors with whom he had been sitting for many weeks, several of them burst into tears.

TOMORROW: Sir Arthur

Bryan, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, 67; Sir John Ca-

rew Pole, former Lord Lieuten-

ant of Cornwall, 88: Mr Kenny

Dalglish, football player and

manager. 39: Mr Graham

## **Clifford Longley**

# What hope for wealth creators?

The new director general of the Institute of Directors, Mr Peter Morgan, was venting a widely spread sense of frustration in business circles when he included the church in his list of those establishment institutions which were hostile to

the enterprise culture of wealth creation. In his keynote speech to the institute's annual convention in the Albert Hall this week, he recalled some remarks of the Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Rev William Westwood, who had said that the church had "no message" for those who were successful because it was too preoccupied with the poor. The church and other pillars of middle class establishment values, Mr Morgan said, regarded the creation of wealth as

"mucky and squalid". The commitment of the church in Britain to the poor is rather more apparent than real, as the Bishop of Peterborough well knows. The Church Commissioners possess an enormous treasury of inherited wealth, from which the clergy are paid. Church of England church-goers are among the more prosperous members of the community; and

**6** The church's commitment to the poor is rather more apparent than real 9

bishops often live in palaces which would be eagerly coveted by multimillionaires.

The preoccupation the bishop was referring to is a complex and ambivalent phenomenon, therefore. On the one hand church ministers are aware of economic distress, and they universally report that recent changes in social security arrangements, including the Social Fund loans scheme, have bitten deeply and painfully into the lives of the less well-off. On the other hand they are impressed by, and even envious of, the exciting engagement with radical politics associated with the theology of liberation

in Latin America. They tie the two together, and deduce that poverty is the fault of wealth, to be rich is to be guilty, and the poor are more sinned against than sinning. They want to take an "option to the poor", in the Latin American terminology, but they are too firmly rooted in the propertyowning middle classes to do so drastically. The result is that it inevitably becomes more a sentimental than a real "option to the poor". There is no talk of giving away the assets of the Church Commissioners, for instance, nor of bishops moving into council houses.

This confused attitude has become thoroughly mixed up with a whole bundle of older cultural and class prejudices towards business and industry, represented by the view that "trade" was no fit occupation for a gentleman. Given that those in trade are generally interested in the creation of wealth - wealth for themselves in particular - it is, the Church of England seems to have concluded, no fit occupation for a Christian either. The confusion is made worse by a

disregard for the Old Testament and a selective reading of the New - the poor are blessed, the rich cannot pass through the eye of a needle, and no-one can worship God and Mammon. First century Jewish society was by no means hostile to what is now called wealth creation, however, nor to the possession of it; and it cannot be shown that Jesus repudiated that in principle. He warned of the spiritual dangers, just as he warned of the dangers of virtually every other condition of life.

The Christian "message to the successful" that the Bishop of Peterborough would like to see, if Mr Morgan has interpreted him correctly, would be a message of congratulation, of well done, thou good and faithful servant". In so far as there is any implied message from the Church of England in fact, it is of the opposite kind — that if one must have wealth at all it is better to have inherited it than to have made it oneself, and success in business is slightly indecent as if every pound in a businessman's pocket might have been snatched from a single

mother's meagre grocery purse. Neither approach meets the need. Businessmen and industrialists are necessary, and the church must have a message for them better than "go to hell". Congratulations, on the other hand, are hardly what the Gospel is about, in this or any other connec Neither approach has any spiritual depth

A Christian attitude to wealth can only flow from a Christian attitude to life, which in turn can only flow from a Christian attitude to death. The metaphor of dying "to self" is used repeatedly in the Gospels, coupled with rising again, "to new life". It refers not only to the moment of actual death, but to the spiritual turning points in life. Prior to this dying and rising transformation experience, the soul was in bondage to sin; afterwards, it is free. Each of those states has a characteristic attitude to possessions. Before, they dominated life; after, they are merely useful. Before, a man would do almost anything to hold on to what is his; after, he can take it or leave it. In this sense, therefore, before he worshipped Mammon; after - he worships God. But it does not follow that his bank manager would notice anything different, before and after. The famous challenge to the rich young man to give away all he possessed would have had no point to it if he cared little whether he did or not. Jesus perceived a man with a

fanatical attachment to what was his. A man should be able to give everything away and think nothing of it: but it does not follow that he is obliged to do so. The necessity applies only in the particular case where that action distinctly marks the "death to self" which the Gospei demands. In other cases the action could be different because the fatal attachment could be different willingness to abandon an agreeable career, willingness (in the case of celibacy) to forego sex, willingness to lose the approval of family and friends: even, conceivably, the willingness to give up a state of poverty. Each potential moment of loss is a potential spiritual death, with the potential for liberation. It is an act of letting go, and then freedom follows.

#### • There is no talk of bishops moving into council houses 9

Real death involves the loss of everything, and all these forms of spiritual death are rehearsals for it. And so an unencumbered soul may slide peacefully from this world to the next.

None of these things is bad in itself, nor are possessions bad in themselves.

But someone who is possessed by his possessions, and compelled to seek ever more of them, is in bad spiritual trouble. He has fallen victim to a kind of addiction or dependency; and he is also a danger to others for he has power over others. A spirituality of wealth creation, therefore, would have to start from the particular spiritual risks of that activity.

Creating wealth is no sin, provided there is no sin in the means of creating of it; nor is enjoying it, provided there is no sin in the means of enjoying of it. Falling under its spell, however, is when the gates of hell begin to beckon. So those who create wealth need and deserve a rather special kind of spiritual care, to keep them safe from being ensuared by it. That would make rather a welcome message from the church to the enterprise culture, but it may not be quite what the Institute of Directors was hoping to hear nor what the bishop was

Birthdays TODAY: Mr Ernest Bradbury,

writer and broadcaster, 71; the Hon Peter Brooke, MP. 56; Mr Peter Calver, racehorse trainer, 56; Lord John FitzGerald, racehorse trainer, 38; Dr Rod Hackney, former president, RIBA, 48; Mr Martin Lovett, former member Amadeus Quartet. 63; Mr Maurice Lynn, headmaster. The Oratory School, 39; Air Vice-Marshal C.G. Maughan, 67; Lord Mellish, 77; Mr Peter O'Sullevan, racing com-mentator, 72; Sir Mark Prescott, racehorse trainer, 42; the Right Rev Dr J.R. Richards, former Bishop of St David's, 89; Mr Ronald Searle, artist and cartoonist, 70; Lord Templeman, 70; Sir John Ward, diplomat, 81; Miss Fatima Whitbread, athlete, 29.

Dinners Commanderie de Bordeaux.

The Commanderie entertained the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux at a Dinner held last Bordeaux at a Dinner heid last night at the Commercial Rooms, Bristol, to mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Commanderic in England. The Maître, Mr Charles Clarke, presided, and the Wine Guilds of St Emilion, the Medice Graves Gippenne. the Medoc, Graves, Guyenne, Barsac, Sauternes, Sie Croix du Barsac, Sauternes, Sie Croix du Mont, Pomerol, Loupiac, Pronsac, Montagne, Laland-de-Pomerol, Puisseguin, Bourg, Blaye, Entre-deux-Mers and the Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux and the Academie du Vin de Rombeaux unes represented and the Academie du Vin de Bordeaux were represented. Amongst those present were the Lord Lieutenant of Avon, Sir John Wills, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor Mrs Mountstephen, The Vice-Chancellor of Bristol University, Sir John Kingman, the Chairman of the Bristol-Bordeaux Association, Professor W. Howarth and the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers, Mr Dayrell McArthur, and their ladies.

Dowling, cricketer, 53; Professor H.J. Eysenck, psychologist, 74; Mr Harvey Goldsmith, impresario, 44; Mr Bernard Haitink, conductor, 61; Mr John Hunt, former headmaster, Roedean School, 58; Lord Johnston of Rockport, 75; Mr Ralph Kirshbaum, cellist, 44; Mr Stuart Mawson, otolaryngologist.
72; Mr Patrick Moore, astronomer, 67: Mr Alan Sillitoe, writer, 62: Mr Peter Skellern, composer and singer, 43; Sir Keith Stuart, chairman. Associated British Ports Holdings, 50; Lord Viv-Old Stortfordians' Society

Mr C.J. Logsdon, President of the Old Stortfordians' Society, presided at the annual dinner Hotel. Mr John Clement, Mr Steven Benson, Headmaster of Bishop's Stortford College, and Mr John Powell also spoke.

Old Felstedian Society The annual dinner of the Old Felstedian Society was held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand last night. Mr F.H.V. Davis was the guest of honour and Major-General G. Burch. president, was in the chair. Mr E.I.H. Gould, Headmaster of Felsted School, and members of the hoard of sovernors were also board of governors were also present

London Watsonian Club Mr Edgar Miller, President of the London Watsonian Club. the London Watsonian Club, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Caledonian Club. Professor Keith Moffan the Rev John McIndoe. Mr Peter Heatly, Master of the Merchant Company of Edinburgh, Mr Frank Gerstenberg. Principal of George Watson's College, and Mr Douglas Stewart were the principal guests.

Anniversaries TODAY

BIRTHS: Edmund Waller, poet, BIRTHS: Edmund Waller, poet, Coleshill, Buckinghamshire, 1606; Sir William Davenant, Poet Laureate 1638-68, Oxford, 1606; Thomas Otway, dramatist, Trotton, Sussex, 1652; William Godwin, philosopher, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, 1756; William Macready, actormanager, London, 1793, Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Edinburgh, 1847.

DEATHS: Sir Nicholas Carew, DEA I H3: SIT NICHOIAS CAREW, courtier, executed, London, 1539; Robert Hooke, physicist, London, 1703; Aurangzeb, Mogul emperor of India 1658-1707; William Stukeley, antiquary, London, 1765; Robert Adam, architect and designer London architect and designer, London, 1792; Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke

of Bridgewater, engineer, canal builder, London, 1803; Nicolai Gogol, novelist and dramatist, Moscow, 1852: Copley Fielding, landscape painter, Worthing, 1855; Arthur Koestler, novelist, 1983; Danny Kaye, actor, 1987. German-Russian Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, 1918.

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Antonio Vivaldi, Venice, 1678; Sir Henry Racburn, portrait painter, Edinburgh, 1756; Giovanni Schiaparelli, astronomer, Savigliano, Italy, 1835.

DEATHS: Bernard Gilpin, the DEATHS: Bernard Gilpan, the "Apostle of the North". Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, 1583; Jean Francois Champollion, Egyptologist. Paris, 1832; William Willett, originator of "daylight saving", Chislehurst, Kent, 1915. SERVICES

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HAMEN - On February 28th

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MACKERCHE - On February 28th, in Hong Kong, to Karina (nee Sanchez) and Michael

MeKK - On February 22nd. to John and Michelle, a son. Callum.

DEATHS

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BARADA - On March 1st.

peacefully all home in Rome.
Guella (Luy). Beloved wife of
the late Professor Stefano
Barada. Sadiy missed by
sons and daughters.

grandchildren and in-laws.

Funeral Service to be held in
Rome. March 2nd. followed
by interment at Trieste,
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GAIN - On Frbruary 26th,
John Landsborough,
younger son of the late
Charles Smith Cain M.A.
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of Helen, father of Mary and
Charles, girandfather of
Nicholas and Naomi:
formerly Headmaster of
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Carry Evans D.B.E., at her home in Criccieth. North Wales. Fumeral Service at Berre Chapel, Criccieth. at 11.30 am Monday March 5th, followed by Cranation; at Bangor at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Criccieth Brauch of the R.N.L.I.

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DBLOCK - On February 27th,
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Nursing Home, SW1. who
cared for her so well, after a
long filness patiently borne.
Margaret (Peggy) Sarah,
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Diplock and beloved sister of
Phyllis. Funeral at the
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Temple Lame, EC4, at 2 pm
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flower's please, but donations
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FOLEY - On February 28th
1990, Laurence, peacefully
in his 30th year, at The
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Father of Maureen, Fasuela.

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SARBHER - On March 1st
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loved husband of Floma, very

ioving father and grandfather. Private family funeral. Requiem Mass later in Bury St Edmunds.

MAMERI - On February 28th 1990, peacetulty at home, Li. Col. John (Jack) Harner MBE, VMH, in his 80th year. Malayan Civil Service 1946-1961. Secretary Royal Horticultural Society 1962-1975. Devoted dritter and grandather. Requent Mass at 10.30 am on Wednesday March 7th at S. Cabrier's Church. Billingshurst. followed by private Cremation. No flowers blease, donations tally be feat be St. Joseph's Hospito. Marr Street. London £8 46A. etc 01-985 0961.

MRARUP - On February 26th 1990, peacetuity at home. Margaret (Margery), new Watson. Beloved wife of Eric. Long-derving Firing Officer, WRAF. Service on Tuesday March 6th at 11.15 at Endeld Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to the Royal Air Force Benelovent Fung.

MACLEAN - On March 1st

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RHLEHAM. Roger, Denerfully at home, sady missed. Enquiries to Co-op Funeral Service, Goring Road, West Sussey.

AYLETT - On February 28th 1990. Arthur Denis, aged 81 years. Inther of Nipel, brother of Stanley.

BALL - On March 2nd 1990. peacefully at home. Charence Edward Ball. In his 88th year. Beloved Lather of Mauricen. Michael and Martin. Requiren fides at 8t James. Church. Elmers End. Beckenham, on Priday March 9th at 9.30 am. tollowed by commutat at Camberwell Old Cometery at 11 am. Flowers to 24 Manor Way. Beckenham, tent.

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PARKER - On March 1st 1990, stiddenly at her home in Newtonmote, isabel Marckay King, beloved wire of the late Resinald Crawford Parker and mother of Nell. Funeral Service in St Bride's Church, Newtonmore, on Tuesday March 6th at 2 pm, thereafter to Banchor Cemetery, Newtonmore, All friends respectfully invited.

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SPENCE - On Wednesday
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Dr. Allian William. In his
90th year. Much loved by all
his family. Funeral to be held
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STRINE - On March 1st 1990, peacefully. Angus Campbell, of Northwood. Middlesex. Much towed husband of Doreen. Anther of Christy and Malcolm. grandfather of Angela and Michelle. He will be very saily missed by all his family and friends. Cremation will lake place on March 8th at 12 noon at Breakspear Crematorium. Ruistin, Middlesex.

WHITE - On February 28th. aged 73, Authory Stream Cifford, beloved husband of Averil and Ether of Sue and Stmon, stepfather: of Chris. Private cremation at his request, No flowers. nis later.

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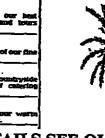
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It is impossible to dwell too much upon the privations endured by the sick since the middle of January. A man once down was practically lost. The reduced rations of the fighting men just sufficed to keep them together. Every day 30 old horses and mules were slaughtered for food and converted into soup and sausages.

men, exclusive of white civilians. Twenty-one thousand of all chases were on rations.

During its presence in the colony the Natal field force has learned from bitter experience the lessons of modern warfare. It has fought two successful engagements, suffered a check, and extricated itself. During its investment it has kept at bay a force double its number, fortifying and holding a perimeter of 14 miles against siege artillery. It has made two successful sorties, and repulsed two organized assaults in force, the last with severa punishment to the enemy.

# Here be dragons

of animals or plants after burial for millions of years under a crushing weight of sediment. They are simply the mineralized impressions, often broken and distorted, of the hard parts of animals, such as shells or bones. Soft-bodied animals such as worms or shrimps leave no record in the rocks except in the most unusual circumstances, so most of what we know of the

as shellfish and trilobites. But sometimes we are privileged to witness a window on the past, in which entire commu-nities of soft-bodied animals

the animals were preserved with remarkable integrity.

Among the casualties were an array of animals with hard shells

animal communities of similar vintage found the world over. But the mudslide also buried a notous bunch of soft-bodied forms; for every three kinds of animal with hard tissue, the Burgess Shales contain twenty different kinds of soft-bodied animal, Many of these animals look nothing like any creature known to have existed, whether

as support for the challenging idea that chance is more important than natural selection in modelling the course of evolution. The most abundant animals of the Burgess Shales became extinct without issue, whereas some fairly minor constituents of the form more constituents. constituents of the fauna seem to have been close to the ancestries of important modern groups, such as the crustaceans. Because there seem to have been no special features that marked the crustaceans as "fitter" (in the Darwinian sense) than any other jointed-limbed Burgess creature (most of which perished without issue), the subsequent success of the crustaceans could be put down to a chain of lucky accidents

long ago. But a more tangible lesson is that we still know very little about most of the creatures that existed on Earth at one time or another - what Oxford researcher Per Erik Ahlberg calls the "hidden majority" in the March lissue of Nature (vol 344, p 23).

Without the soft-bodied animais, the Burgess Shale community would look rather ordinary, much like any other: this begs the question of what the other fossilized communities would look like, were the remains of soft-bodied animals added to their hard-shelled contingent Researchers in all disciplines are aware of the great gaps in their own disciplines. But in palacontology, as perhaps in no other, large stretches of geological time can still, with justification, be marked "here be dragons".

# **Tomorrow's services**

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#### This whole district is completely clear of them, and except at the top of Van Reenen's Pass, where several wagons are visible, I can find no trace of them. Their last train left Modder Spruit Station about 1 o'clock yesterday, and they then blew up the bridge. They nacked their wagons six days ago. moving them to the north of Ladysmith, so we had no chance of intercepting them; but they

MONTE PAR

Three attempts were made by Sir Redvers

Buller and his force before the siege of

Ladysmith, which lasted 59 days, was raised. Sir George Whate commanded the garrison.

THE RELIEF OF

LADYSMITH

The following telegrams from Sir R Buller have

Headquarters, Netthorpe, March 2, 8 a.m.

Seventy-three wagon-loads of supplies now

entering Ladysmith, first 11 of which contain

hospital comforts.
Great credit is due to Major Morgan and

Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley, Supply and Trans-

I find that the defeat of the Boers is more

been received at the War Office:-

Ledysmith, March 2, 6.30 p.m.

complete than I had dared to anticipate.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT).

have left vast quantities of ammunition of all surts, herds, grass, camp and individual THE COMMERCIAL COMME. They have got away all their guns except two.

LADYSMITH, FEB 28. The effect of General Buller's action is the "Long Tom" on Bulwana, our guns

ON THIS DAY

moving scene I have ever witnessed. Strong men

Ladysmith is practically relieved. The tension during the last few days, when the garrison had no alternative but to sit patiently listening to the booming of General Buller's guns, and when their whole fate lay in the balance, was great. All this has now vanished. It is not that any effectual advance of the Boers would necessarily have meant surrender. We could possibly have hung on for six weeks more, but our privations would have been great. Sickness and the paucity of the supply of gun ammunition would have placed a limit upon the number of assaults, such as that of January 6, which we should have been

able to resist. Originally we started the siege with 12,000 fighting men and over 2,000 civilians, besides natives, Kaffirs, and Indians. The natural consequence was that enteric fever and dysentery appeared. Between casualties and sickness 8,000 fighting men passed through the hospital; yet in spite of the rigorous siege the 000030ath-rate remained small until January, and then increased, as the medical appliances

From January 15 to the present time there have been over 200 deaths from disease alone. The last fortnight saw the majority of the field batteries unhorsed and the guns permanently posted on our defences. The British cavalry and drivers were converted into infantry and sent to the trenches. A line of defences had been constructed in view of a possible final contin-gency if the outer works should be carried. The total number of casualties since the investment have been, of those who were killed or died of wounds, 24 officers and 235 men; of disease, six officers, 340 men; wounded, 70 officers and 520

SCIENCE REPORT

Life in bygone ages could have of the University of Cambridge been far richer and more bizarre and his former students, Simon than researchers have imagined.
This is the tenor of recent thinking among palae-ontologists trying to piece together the earliest episodes of marine life.

Fossils represent all that is left of animals or plants after burial of animals or plants after burial idea that chance is more im-

earliest life comes from reconstructing the remains of creatures with hard shells, such

are, by a lucky chance, pre-One such window can be found in the Burgess Shales, high on a hillside in British Columbia. About 530 million years ago, the residents of an area of the sea hed were carried to greater depths by a sudden freak mudslide. Interred rapidly at depths at which the oxygen concentration were too low to support the agencies of decay,

that are little different from

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The descriptions of the Burgess farma by Harry Whittington

Nature-The Times News Service, 1990

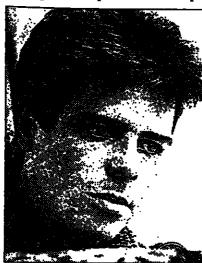
# SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

# Striking a blow at life

THE SECURITION OF SECURITION

Peter Waymark

● In case viewers on the British mainland are puzzled, Clash of the Ash (Channel 4, 10.00pm) takes its title from the Irish national sport of hurling. But hurling is only one strand in writer-director Fergus Tighe's drama of a disaffected schoolboy in a small Irish town. Phil Kelly (William Heffernan) may be a star on the sports field but the rest of his life is blighted by a nagging mother, disappointing school results, gang fights and experiments with dope.



William Heffernan: as the disaffected schoolboy Phil Kelly (Ch4, 10.00pm)

Compared with most dramas of smalltown Ireland the notable omission is the suffocating influence of the Catholic Church, though Phil's school is run by a Father O'Leary. It is hardly giving anything away to say that Phil's frustration eventually boils over, helped by an old girlfriend returning from London with enticing tales of the big city. Clash of the Ash is the first in a season of dramas by young film makers from around the world, with pieces to come from New Zealand, Sweden and Canada. If Tighe the writer has provided a scenario which develops along predictable lines, Tighe the director has guided his cast to a series of fresh and natural performances and there is a nice feel for the texture of a small, tightly organized and conservative community

• For tonight's instalment of his excellent series Missionaries (BBC2, 8.00pm), Julian Pettifer travels to Asia. He calls his report Stony Ground and he is not joking. Trying to spread the Christian message in the Orient must even be more discouraging than being the Labour Party agent in Guildford or Eastbourne. In a desperate attempt to wean middle-class Japanese away from Shintoism, with its practical benefits and minimum demands, a French priest set up his "church" in a whisky bar. He has managed just 30 converts in 10 years. The closest most Japanese get to things spiritual," Pettifer caustically observes, a bottle of Black Label or Suntory Gold". An English missionary, Graham Burton, has fared little better in Pakistan, where memories of colonialism die hard and a challenge to Islam is tantamount to taking on the state itself. In Thailand, which has a history of Christian initiative by Americans, the locals are happy to make use of missionary hospitals and schools without feeling the need to embrace the faith. This is stony ground

# 6.40 Open University: Pure Maths — Conic Sections 7.05 Elections and

Conic Sections 7.09 Electrons and the People
7.30 Saturday Starts Herel with Wayne Jackman and Ian Tregonning, beginning with Playdays from Norden, Rochdale (r) 7.55 Laurel and Hardy in a cantoon Stand Out, Stand In (r) 8.00 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse
8.15 Tales of the Rodent Sharlock Holmes. Episode one of a new seven-part series starting Roland

Holmes. Episode one of a new seven-part series starring Roland Rat as the super-sleuth this morning investigating the case of Wilson the Notorious Canary Trainer. With Barbara Windsor and John Rapley 8.35 Thundercats in Mandora and the Pirates (r)

9.00 Going Livel presented by Sarah Greene and Philitip Schoffeld. This week's Press Conference guest is actress Dame Judi Dench 12.12 Weather

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12.15 Grandstand introduced by
Desmond Lynam. The line-up is
(subject to alteration): 12.20
Football: the World Cup contenders
in action; 12.30 Bobsleigh: the
World four-man championship from
St Moritz. The reporter is Peter
Walker; 12.50 News; 12.55 Racing:
the 1.00, 1.30 and 2.00 from
Haydock Park, with commenary from
Peter O'Sullevan and Richard
Pitman, and the 1.15 and 1.45 from
Newbury described by Julian
Wilson and John Hammer; 2.10
Rugby Union: live coverage of the
game in Cardiff between Wales and
Scottand, the commentators are
Bill McLaren and Eddie Butler; and at Scotland, the commentators are Bill McLaren and Eddie Butler; and at 4.00 highlights of the France v Ireland game in Paris where the commentaors are Nigel Starmer-Smith and Brendan Mullin; 4.35 Cricket: news of the third one-day international between West Indies and England; 4.40 Final Score 5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Regional News and Sport 5.20 The Flying Doctors: The Noble

Art. Sam and his new bride surprise everyone when they return home early from their honeymoon, and shock Kate when she finds out where they are to live. Starring Peter O'Brien and Liz Burch. (Ceeffax) Jim II Fix it. Among those who have their dreams come true thanks 6.05 J to Jimmy Savile are 10-year-old Zoe Morgans, who becomes part of an animated cartoon sequence; a an animale calculus assesses, a nurse from the Isle of Wight who is driven to her wedding in a white vintage car; and identical nine-year-old twins who discover just how

identical they are. (Ceefax)
6.40 Little and Large. Eddie and Syd
welcome Barry McGuigan, Gary
Mason and Jimmy Somerville. (Ceefax)
7.15 Film: Young Sherlock Holmes First: Young sheriock homes (1985) starring Nicholas Rowe, Alan Cox and Sophie Ward. Mystery thriller set in the 1870s, when the young master detective and his ever-faithful schoolfriend Watson begin their long and fruitful schools begin their long and fruitfu association by investigating the mysterious death of an eccentric mysterious death of an eccentric schoolmaster. Directed by Barry

Levinson. (Ceefax)

9.00 News and Sport. With Martyn
Lewis . Weather

9.20 Midnight Caller: Based on a True

Midnight Caller: Based on a True Story. Late-right radio DJ Jack Killian is dubious when a Hollywood producer approaches him with the idea of turning his experiences of last year's San Francisco earthquake into a movie. Starring Gary Cole, Wendy Kilbourne and Dennis Dun. (Confax)

(Cesfax) 10.10 Rory Bremner. The man of a thousand faces and a thousand disguises is joined by John Bird, Steve Nallon and Enn Reitel (r) 10.40 World Championship Boxing. Desmond Lynam introduces

coverage of the world
welterweight title fight at Wembley
Arena between Britain's Lloyd
Honeyghan and the holder Mark
Breland of the United States. The
commentator is Harry Carpenter 11.40 International Cricket. Highlights of the third one-day international England, Introduced by Tony Lewis 12.30am Film: Mongo's Back in Town

(1971) starring Joe Don Baker, Sally Field, Telly Savalas and Martin Sheen. A made-for-television thriller about a ruthless killer who returns to his home town after having served his prison sentence. The local police are justifiably curious about his presence. Directed by Marvin

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6.00 TV-am begins with News and It's Starcust. Alvin Starcust introduces songs, stones and poems about the town and country (r) 7,00 WAC 90 with Tommy Boyd and Michaela Strachan Motormouth 2. This week's

edition includes Tony Gregory's behind-the-scenes report on the New Kids on the Block's US tour as New Kids on the Block's US tour as well as a preview of the band's latest video, I'll Be Loving You for Ever. Back in the studio there is music from Brother Beyond and cartoon fun with Scooby Doo and The Real Ghostbusters

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video features Style Council

12.30 The Munsters Today: A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Cereal. Herman is a bory after saving a boy's life.

a hero after saving a boy's life, and is asked to advertise a cereal, but he finds being a local celebrity is not what he expects

1.00 News with Flons Armstrong.

Weather 1.05 LWT News and

1.10 Saint & Greavale. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview the weekend's top matches and

discuss the week's football news

1.40 Sportsmasters. Sports quiz presented by Dickle Davies

2.10 Coronation Street (r)

3.05 Snooker and Athletics. Tony Francis introduces the opening frames of the Pearl Assurance frames of the Pearl Assurance British Open snooker final from the Assembly Rooms, Derby, Jim Rosenthal is in Glasgow for the opening day of the European Indoor Athletics Championships at Kekin Hall

4.45 Results Service 5.00 News with Flona Armstrong. Weather 5.05 LWT News and

weather
5.15 Steaff Game show
5.45 Baywatch: Cruise Ship. Mitch's
son, Hobie, learns that first love is
not easy when he experiences
griffrend problems. At the beach, a
boat chartered for a party gives
Craig cause for concern. (Cracle)
6.40 Haggard: Stratagems. Haggard is
unable to pay the enormous bill he
has run up at a London tavern
but, with a little ingenuity and trickery,
he may just find a way out of an
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he may just find a way out of an extremely awkward situation.
Starring Keith Barron and Reece Dinsdale. (Oracle)
7.10 You Betl Gary Stretch, Fern Britton and Sylvester McCoy join Bruce Forsyth this evening to bet on a selection of unusual challenges, performing forfeits if they lose
8.10 Murder, She Wrote: From Russia with Blood. Crime writer Jessica Flatcher leaves Cabot Cove to

Fletcher leaves Cabot Cove to attend a writers' conference in Moscow. While there, the KGB espionage after top-secret
espionage after top-secret
microfilm is found in her handbeg.
Starring Angela Lansbury, David
McCallum and Jeremy Kemp
9.10 Yellowthread Street: Spirit
Runner The detectives from

Runner. The detectives from Yellowthread Street investigate a murder and a kidnapping, which lead them to the surprising discovery that a Hong Kong gang is operating according to centuries-old Chinese rules and rituals. With Ray Lonnen, Kenneth Chan and Tzi Ma. (Oracle)

10.10 News and Sport. With Fiona Armstrong. Weather 10.25 LWT

10.30 Aspel & Company. Michael
Aspel & Guests this evening are jazz
singer Ella Fitzgerald, American
cornectian and former rabbi, Jackie Mason and British funny man

Stephen Fry

11.15 Snooker. The closing frames of the best-of-19 final of the Pearl Assurance British Open championship from the Assembly Rooms, Derby, introduced by Tony Francis Tony Francis

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12.30am Saturday Night at the Movies.

Tony Slattery reports from New York where he visits the famous

Strasberg Acting School He also talks to Willem Dafoe and reviews Trop Belle Pour Tol and Client Strasberg Acting School He South Oliver Stone's *Born on the Fourth* of July. Followed by News headines

1.00 Derrick. German police drama
series starring Horst Tappert

2.10 American College Football.
Mississippi State and Alabama 4.10 The Hit Man and Her. Dance music, fashion and competitions from

the country's top clubs, introduced by Michaela Strachan and Pete Waterman

5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard
Bath. Ends at 6.00

# ( E 3562 - E 6.50 Open University 2.45 Shrikant. The concluding episode of the Indian drama serial and Shrikant recovers from cholera (in

Shrikant recovers from cholera (in Hirdi with English subtitles) (r) Filinc Seventh Cavatry (1956) starring Randolph Scott and Barbara Hale. A disgraced cavalry captain is given the chance to regain his honour when he volunteers to recover the body of Custer from the battlefield at Little Big Horn. With Denver Pyle and Jay C. Flippen. Oirected by Joseph H. Lewis International Bowls. David Icke Introduces coverage of the pairs final

4.35 International Bowls. David Icke Introduces coverage of the pairs final of the Embassy World Indoor championships from the Preston Guild Hall. David Rinys Jones and Jimmy Davidson are the commentators with summaries by John Bell, Mal Hughes and David

McGil

6.15 Rinythms of the World: Salif Keitz.
Complementing last night's Arens
documentary on Salif Keitz's life
is this showing of his live
performance at London's Brixton
Academy

7.15 News View. Moira Stuart with
the showing on the short Lynettie

today's news and sport; Lynette Lithgow reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather Missionaries: Stony Ground (see

Choice)

8.50 Saturday Night Clive. Clive James is joined by writer and film-maker John Waters, who has been described as the "Pope of Trash",

described as the "Pope of Trash", for another critical glance at the changing world of broadcasting 9.35 Making Out. The partnership with the Koreans falls through and Beachcroft announces the closure of Lyne Electronics, but not before Queenie has a slice of sweet-basting researce with which to sweet-tasting revenge with which to celebrate the news. With Margi Clarice and Deborah Norton (r).

(Ceetax)

10.25 The Film Club. Gilbert Adair introduces two Roberto Rossellini films beginning with Francis, God's Jester (1950, b/w) starring Aldo Fabrizi and Arabella Lemaitre. The story of the humble Italian friar who founded the Franciscan order and whose closeness to God led Pope Pius XI to call him "the second Christ" (in

Italian with English subtitles)
11.50 Film: The Rise to Power of Louis XIV (1965) starring Jean-Marie Patte. Silvagni and Raymond Jourdan. The story of the young king who, on the death of his mentor Cardinal Mazarin, takes over the reins of government (in French with English subtitles) am International Bowls.

1.25am International Bowls.

Highlights of the remaining singles semifinal of the Embassy World Indoor Championships. Ends at

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-6.05 Wales on Attendon Sportscare 6.15-6.20 Sootish News and sport 8.20 Rory Brenner 9.50-10-40 Sportscare 6.00-6.00 Rugby Union: France v Iroland Eve, highlights of Wales v Sootland

France v Ireland live; highlights of Wales v Scotland 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland News and sport 10.40 The Show 11.40 Championship Boxing 12.40mm Cricket 1.30 Close

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CENTRAL As Londox except: 12.30pm-1.00
Double Deckers 8.10-9.10 Murder,
She Wrote: Deadper 1.00pm Prisoner: Cell Block H
1.55 America's Top Ten 2.25 Hodson Confidential
2.55 Invisible Man 3.25 American College Footbal
4.25-5.00 Funny to Features.

CHANNEL As London except:12.30pm-1.00
Munsters Today 2.30 The Making of... 3.30 Stories in the Night 4.00-5.00 Hit Man and Her.

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# CHANNEL 4 6.00 Durrell in Russia (r) 6.30 Just 4 Fun 7.00 Cnce upon a Time...Life 7.30 international Times — World News 8.00 Transportd Sport

9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and

Same Difference. Why flying can be such an ordeal for disabled

9.30 Same Difference. Why flying can be such an ordeal for disabled passengers (r)
10.00 Travelog (r)
10.30 Film: Go into Your Dance (1935, b/w) starring Al Jolson, Ruby Keeler, Barton MacLane and Helen Morgan. Al Howard is an entertainer who becomes involved with gangsters. Directed by Archie Mayo
12.15 Silhouette Art of Lotte Reiniger
12.30 Dance with Me. Final episode of the Brazilian scap
1.00 Equinox: The Art of Deception (r)
2.00 Film: The Perfect Woman (1949, b/w) starring Stanley Holloway, Patricia Roc and Nigel Patrick. Comedy about the niece of an inventor who takes the place of a female robot he has created. Directed by Bernard Knowles
3.35 Film: All at Sea (1957, b/w) starring Alec Guinness as the seasick relative of a long line of brave sea dogs. Directed by Charles Frend
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right To Reply. The Oprah Wintey Show on rape and A Strike Out of Time come in for comment
6.30 Scottish Eye. A profile of Michael Forsyth, the MP who has been given the task of gaining the Conservatives popularity in Scotland
7.00 The World This Week includes a look at Sweden's political difficulties
7.15 Europe Express Followed by Weather.
8.00 Adventures: White Fury. A raft

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8.00 Adventures: White Fury. A raft journey through Tibet brings not only exciting moments on the water but also some amazing insights into the Himalayan kingdom. (Oracle)

8.50 Grand Canyon. The spectacular Grand Canyon from the air

9.00 thirtysomething. American comedy/drama series. (Oracle)

10.00 4-Play International: Clash of the Ash (see Choke)

11.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell discuss their latest film Tango and Cash

and Cash
11.50 Film: Dr Cyclops (1940) starring Albert Dekker. A demented scientist perfects a radium miniaturizing process with which to terrorize his

process with which to terrorize his scientific guests in the Peruvian jungle. Directed by Ernest B. Schoedsack

1.15am Film: The Devil Doll (1936, b/w) starring Lionel Barrymore as a wrongly-convicted man who escapes from Devil's Island to take his revenge on the people who framed him. Directed by Tod Browning. Ends at 2.40

SCOTTISH As London except:12.30pm-1.00
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Saturday Night at the Movies 11.45 Snooter 12.30am
Film: Good against Evil 2.00 Hit Man and Her 4.00
Twilight Zone 4.30-5.00 America's Top Ten
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1.00am Power Hour 2.00 Munsters Today
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YORKSHIRE As London except 12.30pm-YORKSHIRE 1.00 Batman 8.10-9.10 Murder, She Wrote: If it's Thursday, It Must Be Bewerly 1.00am Hot Shots 2.00 Hit Man and Her 4.00-5.00 Flags to

Riches.
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Fine Gael 1.30 Bionic Women 2.30 Flash
Gordon 3.05 Film: Cynare 4.30 Film: Hengman's Knot
6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.20 Mailting 6.55
Baywatch 7.35 Fine Gael 9.00 News 9.25 Dallas 10.20
Kenny Live 11.45 Wolf 12.35am News, Close.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.45am Sign of the
Sports Stadium 6.00 Perfect Strangers 8.30 Sull That
6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Great Moghas 7.35 Tincey (Iman
8.00 Film: Heaven Knows, Mr Allson 9.35 The
Decalogue 10.55 100 Years of Jazz 11.55 Close.

# (SATELLITE )

6.00am Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bioric Woman 12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00pm Black Sheep Squadron 2.00 The Ropers 2.30 Cricket: West Indies v England, third one-day international from Jamaica 1.00 Sky World News Tonight 4.10 Superstars of Wrestlind

**SKY NEWS** 

News on the hour.
5.00mm Sky News 5.30 Beyond 2000
6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Frank Bough
This Week 8.30 Beyond 2000 9.30 The
Reporters 10.30 Motor Sports News 11.30
The Unesco Report 12.30pm Fashion
TV 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 Motor Sports
News 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond
2000 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30
Fashion TV 7.30 The Reporters 8.30
Our World 9.30 The Best Of Target 10.30
Entertainment This Week 11.30 Fashion
TV 12.30mm The Best Of Target 1.30
Motor Sports News 2.30 Entertainment
This Week 3.30 The Reporters 4.30
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From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Wild Pony: A boy substitutes
the lack of tove shown by his steptather by
befriending a popul befriending a pony 4.00 Scooby Doe and the Reluctant Werewolf: Count Dracula aims to change

werewolf: Count Dracula aims to change Shagoy into a werewolf 6.00 Dream Date (1985): An over-protective father sets out to shadow his daughter when she dates the star of the high school football team. With Tempestt Bledsoe and Clifton Davis

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7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Helio Again (1987): Cornedy, in
which Shelley Long comes back from the
dead and discovers life has carried on
without her. With Judith Ivey and Gabriel **9.40 UK Top 10:** The country's most

popular cinema films
10.00 The Pick-Up Artist (1987): A
womaniser (Robert Downey, jun.) becomes
obsessed with a teenage girl who spurms
his advances. With Molly Ringwald
11.30 Reform School Girts (1986): A young girl is unjustly thrown into a female penitentiary. With Wandy O'Williams and

pententiary. With Westly O Walants and Sybil Danning
1.15am Soul Man (1988): Desperate to gain a minority scholarship in order to go to Harvard Law School, a white teenager (C. Thomas Howell) pretends to be black
4.00 The Supergrass (1985): The Conic Strip team star in a tale of drug-smuggling-With Act Extmodison, Jernifer With Ade Edmondson, Jennifer Saunders, Nigel Planer, Keith Allen, Peter Richardson, Dawn French and Robbie Coltrane. Ends at 5.45am

#### **EUROSPORT**

6.00am Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying Klwi 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Ford Ski Report 10.00 Men's Speedskating 11.00 Skiing 1.00pm Golf: American Express Mediterranean Open 3.00 Trans World Mediterranean Upen 3.00 frans World Sport 4.00 Skiing 5.00 Wheels 6.00 Mobil 1 Motorsport News 6.30 Trax 7.00 Wheels 9.00 Dubai Classic Gotf 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Gotf

6.30am Non-Stop Pure Pop, incl Remote Control 9.30 US Top 20 11.00 Yo! 11.30 Week in Rock 12.00 Ray Cokes 12.30 per Club MTV 1.00 Ray Cokes 4.30 XPO 5.00 The Big Picture 5.30 Party Zone 7.30 Kristiane Becker 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Erotika 11.30 Maiken Wexo 2.00am Night Videos

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#### **SCREENSPORT**

1.00am American Basketball 2.30 Wide World of Sport 3.30 Motor Racing 5.00 Thai Boxing 6.30 Sport en France 7.00 US PGA Golf 9.00 Sailing 10.00 Motor Racing 12.00pm Argentinian Football 1.90 Thai Boxing 2.30 ice Hockey 4.30 Motor Racing 6.00 Update; US Pro Ski Tour 6.30 Powersports 7.30 US PGA Golf 9.30 College Basketball 11.00 Tennis

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Jason of Star Command 12.30pm The Secrets of Isis 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever & The Colonel 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

# Frying tonight, a tasty dish

(RADIO CHOICE)

indeed but the faith is undimmed.

Peter Davalle

 It is disorientating for the average listener (whoever she/he is) when a comedy series uses words such as connotational, talks about arbitrary dictates and Dionysiac excess, and employs the Mozart and Verdi requiems as bridging music. We just haven't been brought up to cope with this sort of thing. But take heart. Saturday Night Fry (Radio 4, 11.30pm), now getting a second airing, makes our re-education an almost unqualified pleasure. "I think we are about to have fun," says Stephen Fry, the show's master spirit, by way of introduction, and he only had a hand (and probably both slightly oversells its bill of fare feet) in writing the script. The when he promises frolic, gai-ety, splendour, and a kind of hell-raising, barnstorming, bowel-trembling — and the



Stephen Fry: master spirit

of the show (Radio 4, 11.30pm) aforementioned Dionysic excess. It's a small company of just four (Fry, Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbent and Julia Hills) who provide the fun tonight, and the urbane Fry had a hand (and probably both

WORD-WATCHING

Auswers from page 16 IMPENNOUS (a) Without wings, wingless, from the Latin imprivative + penne a wing: "A portrait by complications, an ab-stract of humour from above

as impeanous necessities were snared by thematic joking." RIJSSOM BLISSOWI (c) In heat or in rot, chiefly of a ewe or a goat, from the Old Norse bloesme retting: "Blissful Mr Thium dance blissom Miss Swint squeal-

ing over a ha-ha."

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**EPHEMERIST** (a) A collector of epho printed material, such as theatre programmes, not originally intended for a long shelf-life: "An exhibition of 200 decorated bookplates, some of a vast collection reads by a departed collection made by a devoted MULLER MULLER

(a) A stone held in the band
for grinding painters' colours, apothecaries' powders,
etc., from the Anglo-French
moloir to grind: "The student must be provided with a
large stone and muller to
levigate the colours."

TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

Answer from page 3: Komodo Dragon

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and 9.30pm 5.00am Tim Smith 7.00 The

Brung and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Classic Albums: Private Dancer. Tina Turner talks to Roger Scott 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Soul Train 9.30 in Concert: October, and Little Feat, recorded last December, both at the Town and Country Club 10.30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00sm The Saturday Rock Show

4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Dennis Quilley 9.00 Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Pull the Other One! 2.00 Robin Ray on Other One: 200 cloth hay on Record 3.00 Katie Boyle 5.00 The Inkspots at Chichester 6.00 Cinema 2 6.30 Myself When Young: Spike Milligan 7.00 The ABC Quiz 7.30 Saturday Night Gala 9.00 Those Beautiful Ballar Years 9.30 String Sound

# **WORLD SERVICE**

5.00em German Features 5.35 News in 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English German; Headines in English and French: 4.30 Nachrichten 4.40 German Features 5.50 Financial News 5.55 Weather and 5.01 Sportsworld 5.30 Londres Soir 6.15 Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Math 7.00 News 7.92 24 Hours 7.30 From German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 Words of Feith 8.15 A Jolly Good 8.20 Merdos of Feith 8.15 A Jolly Good show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Francial 9.30 Other Wise 10.00 Newshout 71.00 News 5.00 Francial 9.30 Other Wise 10.00 Newshout 71.00 News 11.05 News 1



Kate Adie: stands in for Jonathan Dimbleby as this week's host on Any Questions? and Any Answers? (R4, 1.10/2.00pm)

## RADIO 2

6.35am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather and News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Holst (The Hymn of Jesus, Op 37: BBC SO and Chorus under Adrian Boult) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Moeran (Sinfonietta: Northern Sinfonia under

Richard Hickox); Dellus (Violin Concerto: RPO under Handley, with Ralph Holmes) 8.30 News
8.35 Tchalkovsky and Prokofiev:
BBC Welsh SO under Guido
Ajmone-Marsan performs
Tchalkovsky (The Tempest,
Cp 18); Prokofiev (Concerto
No 2 in G minor)

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9.40 Saturday Review with
Richard Osborne. Record
Review — Building a Library:
Paul Griffiths on Paul Griffiths on Stravinsky's Violin Concerto; Paul Crossley's set of Poulenc's piano music is reviewed by David Murray; Richard Wigmore on discs of French Mejodies 10.50 Record Release: Poulenc (Eight Nocturnes: Paul Crossley, piano); Fauré (Le Chanson d'Eve; Janet Paul Crossley, piano); Fauré (Le Chanson d'Eve: Janet (La Chanson o Eve. Jame)
Baker, mezzo, Geoffrey
Parsons, piano); Fauré
(Concerto: Mexico State PO
under Batiz); Reynaldo
Hahn (Quatre Chansons
grises: Mady Mesplé,

grises: Mady Mesplé, soprano, Datton Baldwin, plano) 12.08psm A new Kurt Welli recording project, beginning with The Threepenny Opera, is discussed by Mark Steyn and the conductor John Mauceri 12.35 Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 102 No 2: Pablo Casals, cello. Rudolf Pablo Casals, cello. Rudolf Pablo Casals, cello. Rudolf Pablo Casals, cello. Rudolf Sertin, piano)
1.00 News
1.05 Words: Part 4: Burmese
Phrases. With Professor
Robert Taylor
1.10 Early Music Network: The
Italian Avant-Garde.
Cambridge Musick performs
sonatas, variations and a
dance-suite by Cestello,
Buonamente, Frescobaldi,
Cazzati and Pandolft-Meetil
2.10 Croket Special (Fall only
from 2.30): With Andy
Smith. West Indies v
England, third Cable and
Wireless one-day
International, from Kingston,
Jamaica Serkin, piano)

Jamaica
2.50 From the Proms 1989 (FM only): BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Kathryn Stott, plano, performs Mussorgsky (Prelude, Knovanshchina); I vali Creesuell (Speek for

# RADIO 3

Us, Great Sea); Beethoven (Plano Concerto No 2 in 8 flat); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2), Incl 3.45 Interval Reading (r) 4.25 Début (FM only): Roger Bryson, bass, Richard Greanwood, plano, perform Bryson, bass, Richard
Greenwood, plano, perform
Brahms (Four Serious
Songs); Poulenc (Le
Besbare); Rachmaninov
(Cavatina "Aleko")
5.00 Jazz Record Requests (FM
only) with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics Forum (FM) only):

i Critics' Forum (FMI only):
Sharidan Morley, In the
chair, with Anthony Thwaite,
Margaret Walters and John
Wilders discuss Lenny
Bruce in Bondi by Anthony
George on Radio 3; Mario
Rossi's new paintings at
Anderson O'Day Fine Art,
London; Ron Shelton's firm
Blaze; lbsen's When We
Dead Awaken at the
Almeida Theatre; and Where
I Fell to Earth by Peter
Corrad

ert Piano Music (FM only): The planist Martin Roscoe performs Sonata in E, D 157; Andante in A, D D 570; Sonata in A, D 664)

7.30 King Roger (FM only): BBC SO under Andrew Davis; BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Chorus under Stephen Jackson; Southend Boys's Choir under Michael Crabb perform Karol organ per centif read or systems between the opening event in the South Bank's Szymanowski festival. Live from the Royal Festival Hell. Act 1 8.00 David King reads from The Last Leopard by David Gilmour (r) 8.20 Acts 2 and

9.30 Post of the Month (FM only): James Fenton in conversation with Clive 9.50 Anssi Kartiunen (FM only):
Scandinavian Season. The
cellist, with Tulja Halddia,
piano, performs Lindberg
(Stroke for solo cello—first
UK broadcast); Meritainen
(Paripell—first UK
broadcast); Cartar (Cello
Sonata, 1948)
10.30 (FM only until 10.45):
Scottish CO under Jalme
Larado, solo violin, with
Michala Petri, recorder;
performs Bach (Suite No 1

performs Bach (Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1065); Vivaldi (Concerto in B flat, RV 548); Malcolm Arnold (Recorder Concerto); Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending); Bach (Suite No 3 In D, BWV 1068)

## RADIO 4

LW (s) Stareo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: Includes reports on the prospects for small-scale food producers; profit or loss from suckler beef loss from suckler beet

toss from sucher beer herds; and a preview of next week's farm ministers' meeting in Brussels 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather 7.99 Today, with Peter Hobday and John Humphrys, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather

9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and
travel news: Presented by
Bernard Falk, with travel
expert Nigel Combs
10.00 News: Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin, with contributions from Richard Jobson, Arthus Smith and Emma Freud (s) 11.00 News; The Week in

Westminster with Michael White, chief political White, chier political correspondent of 7he Guardian 11.30 Europhile (new series): Weekly magazine reflecting political life in Europe. This week, the future of the Italian Communist Party;

and the boutique that offers philosophy for a fee 12.00 Money Box with Vincent 12.00 Money Box with Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue: Special Money Box edition of the humorous panel game. With Tim Brooke-Taylor, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Barry Cryer. With Humphrey Lytheiton in the chair 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Kate Adie in Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, with panelists Douglas Hurd.

panelists Douglas Hurd, MP; Roy Hattersley, MP; Norman Stone, Professor Modern History and Fellov of Worcester College,

of Worcester College, Oxford; and Lady Antonia Fraser (r) 2.00 News; Any Answers? 01-580 4411. Kate Adle takes 580 4411. Kate Ade takes listeners' calls on issues raised in Any Questions?

2.30 The Isidore Projection: Play by Bruce Stewart. In 1492, Colombus discovered the Americas, and the Spanish Inquisition was at its most powerful . . . With Michael N. Harbour as Joaquin,

Caroline Gruber as Rebecca and Sill Wallis as the Master and bar wants as the Master Inquisitor (s) (r)

4.00 Age to Age: Presented by Barry Cunliffe: Following the recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the commission on the ownership of public houses, Sean Street and Roger Protz sample the delights of a 14th-century cak-beamed pub in Salisbury, and discuss the history of the tavern and ale tavern and ale

4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans reports on the 156th annual meeting for the Advancement of Science which took place in New Orleans last week 5.00 In Exile: Jonathan Steinberg

talks to four expatriates who have settled in Britain. Part 3: Russian City banker Stanislas Yassukovich who is now a Gloucestershire country squire (s) (r)
5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, David Tate.

With Bill Walls, David Tate, Sally Grace and John Baddeley (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News; Sports Round-Up 6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s) 7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s) 7.45 Saturday Night Theatre: The Organgrinder's Monkey, by Stephen Wyatt (s)

9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with a selection of melodies (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten led by the Rt Rev Richard Harries (s) 9.69 Weather

10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind: John Lloyd
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10.45 Telling Lies (new series):
Four programmes about deceit and the detection of lying (r)

11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Harry Blech, tounder of the London Mozart Players (s) (r)

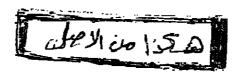
11.30 Saturday Night Fry (s) (r)
(see Choice)

12.00-12.30am News, Incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except:
1.55-2.00pas Programme News
4.30-6.00 Options: 4.30
Understanding the Media 5.00
Using Your Wordpower 5.30
Deutsch Express!

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Flying the

flag on

autopilot

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

· Billed as "a series of films on British

Airways", Airline (BBC2, 8.35pm) promises to be a lot more interesting

than this bald description would suggest.

1 did not know that the members of a 747

crew are each served different meals in

case of food poisoning. Or, on a more serious level, that 98 per cent of a flight is

on autopilot, giving the human pilots little to do. "Flying an airliner is hours and hours of boredom puctuated by moments of stark terror," is the verdict

of Captain Ted Deacon, as he sits back

and lets the computer guide 327 pas-

sengers and assorted dogs and cats on the

flight from Heathrow to Bangkok. Do we

need pilots at all, or will planes eventually be flown from the ground? Air traffic controllers, who work longer hours than pilots for a quarter of the

salary, think this is already happening.

But pity the pilots' wives, stuck at home alone for half the year while their

husbands live it up in luxury hotels. And pity the women pilots. They are about as common as women MPs, face similar

prejudices and not one of them has yet

Captain Ted Deacon: relaxes and lets the

computer do the work (BBC2, 8.35pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

◆ All good things must come to an end, even The Radio 4 Debate (8.00pm). The

programmes have been models of their kind: strong views, most of them

succinctly expressed, by the "for" and

from the audiences; firm control of the

proceedings from the resident chairman

Brian Redhead. If, and when, a new

series is planned, serious consideration

should be given to extending the debates by 15 minutes. Better still, by 30. All the

subjects debated during the past four

weeks - and certainly tonight's clash of

opinions on the motion that our present

prison system cannot rehabilitate offend-

ers - have been meaty, complex, and

controversial enough to warrant extra

in The Radio 4 Debate, no quarter is

sought and none is given.

FM Stereo and MW

RADIO 1

News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30pm

5.00mm Tim Smith 7.00 Bruno and Lix Breaklast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Alan Freeman with the

Scrupies II presented by Simon Mayo 3.30 Phillip Schofield 5.00 Top 40 with Bruno Brookes

7.00 Anne Nightingsle Request Show 8.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00mm Bob Harns on

6.35am Open University (FM

orty)
6.55 Weather and News
Headines
7.00 Handel: A series featuring
the Concert Grossi, Op 6,
The Sixteen Choir and
Orchestra under
Cityletonbers with Lynna

Christophers, with Lynne Dawson, expreno, Ian Partndge, tenor, perform O Sing unto the Lord a new

week's Top 20 charts from 1963, 1975 and 1987 3.00

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Moiseewasus Cameron partorms Schumann (Camaval, Op 9); Rachmanhov (Rhapsody on Panamini) Thems of Pagemini) 8.30 News 8.35 Your Concert Choice; Elgar (Enigma Variations: BBC SO under Toscanial); Schumann (Romanoss: Yves Nat, piano); Quantz (Flute Concerto in C minor: Paris under Wellez, with Jean-Pierre Rampall; Mozart (Devertemento in 8 flat: Wind Ensemble of the

Vienne PO); Jongen (Symphonie-Concertente: San Francisco SO under de Warrt, with Michael Murray, organ) 10.30 Musikkivisko Scandingvian Season, in the Shadow of Subatius? Michael Giver takes us on a musical journey in Finland 11-15 BBC Scotten SO under

Andrew Davies performs Nessen (Overture, Maskerade): Shostakovich (Symphony No 1); Basinovan (Piano Concerto 12.40pm Viole and Piano: Yuri Bashmet and Mahani Munican perform Schubert

|Sonata Arpeggione |: Shoslekowch |Sonata, Op 1.40 Post of the Month: James Fenton reroduces "The Balled of the Shneking

collection 1.45 Towards Bach (new senes): A senes of 18 programmas. metuding concerts from last year's South Bank sesson and specially recorded studio performances studio performancès.
Crchestra et the Age of Entightenment under Gustav Leonhard performa
J.C.F. Fischer (Suite No. 4
"Journal du Printemps").
J.S. Bach (Centers No. 207, Verenigse Zwietract der wechselnder Saiten); Bach (Cantala No. 208, Schlecht, Spelende Meten), incl. 2.315 Interval Reading

# SUNDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

6.45 Open University
6.55 Playdays (r)
9.15 Morning Worship. A new series from the campus chapel at Sussex

BBC1::::)

University 10.00 Bazzar (r) 10.25 Buonglomo Italia! (r) 10.50 Europeans. France's Italia! (r) 10.50 Europeans. France's rich and poor (r)
11.20 You in Mind. Being assertive (r)
11.30 Step Up to Word Power.
Making the most of an interview (Ceefax) 11.55 You Are What You.
Est. A guide to healthy eating presented by Lizz Goddard (r).
(Ceefax)
12.05 See Heart For the hearing impaired

impaired

12.30 Country File reports on the plans
to build a motorway across Twyford
Downs 12.55 Weather

1.00 News with Moira Stuart followed
by On the Record. The Shadow
Education Secretary, Inch. Street Education Secretary, Jack Straw, is questioned about his party's

s questioned about his parry's education policy by Peter Jay.

2.00 EastEnders (r). (Geefax)

3.00 Film: Casino Hoyale (1967)

starring David Nivan and Peter Sellers. Spy spoof in which the retired Sir James Bond is coaxed out of retirement to prevent the retired Sir James Bond is coaxed or of retirement to prevent the destruction of the entire planet. Directed by John Huston, Ken Hughes, Val Guest, Robert Parrish and Joe McGrath

5.05 The Clothes Show includes Andy

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Crane reports on the Lloyds Bank
Fashion Challenge finals, in which
Britain's teenagers design outfits for
the famous; and Selina Scott
previawing Forties Faces at the
Imperial War Museum where, on
March 17 and 18, BBC artists will be
transforming 1990s women into
1940s beauties
5.30 Antiques Roadshow from
Northampton presented by Hugh
Scutly. (Ceefax)
6.15 It Doesn't Have To Hurtl Painless
exercise with June Whitfield,
(Ceefax)

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6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

6.40 Songs of Praise. Roger Royle
joins the 900th amiversary
calebrations of the Welsh border celebrations of the Welsh border town of Abergavermy. (Ceefax)

7.15 Don't Wait Up. More comedy with the father-and-son medics. Starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers. This week Tom's chance meeting with an old friend raises his prospects of a salary increase. (Ceefax)

7.45 Bergerac. Jim spends a day at the races and ends up in the twilight world of the cabaret circuit. Starring John Nettles and Gary Bond (Ceefax)

(Ceefax) 8.40 Mastermind. This week's specialist subjects are the life and operas of Verd; the geography of continental US; the Swallows and Amazon books of Arthur Amazon books of Armur Ransome; and the life and work of Gainsborough. Presented by Magnus Magnusson from the Simpson Hall at Hendon Police

Cadet school

9.10 That's Life! Consumer affairs
series presented by Esther Rantzen

9.55 News with Michael Buerk. 10.10 Heart of the Matter: Skeletons in the Cupboard. In the first in a new series, Joan Bakewell looks at the debate over the rights of Aborigines

to have back ancestors'
skeletons which are being kept in
various British museums

10.45 Dear John: USA. American comedy series starting Judd Hirsch and Jere Burns 11.10 Clean State examines why so

many German students are coming to Britain to do their degrees and looks at Welsh language teaching, now a compulsory part of secondary aducation in the

Principality (r)
11.40 Shrikant, Last episode (r)

12.15am Weather

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
4.00am David Alian 6.00
Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning
Sunday 9.08 Melodies For You
11.00 Your Radio 2 All-Time
Greats 2.00 Benny Green 3.00
Sounds Easy 4.00 Orchestral
Contrasts I now and Hate 4.30.

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Contrasts: Love and Hate 4.305.00 Sing Something Simple 5.20
Chartie Chester (FM only) 7.00
An Actor's Life For Me 7.30
Opretta Nights 6.30 Sunday
Half-Hour 5.00 Your Hundred Best

Tunes 10.05 Songs from the Shows 10.45 Geoff Eales 11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00am Nightnide 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 3

## TO A LONDON ...

 S.00 TV-am begins with Good Morning
 Moments 7.00 it's Stardust. Avin
 Stardust presents a collection of
 Songs, stories and poems
 S.00 David Frost on Sunday. The
 guests include the Soviet
 ampressale Legal Towards ambassador Leonid Zamyatin and Labour MP Frank Dobson. Reviewing the newspapers are Carol Thatcher and Dr Peter Jones. Includes news and weather at 8.00 and 9.00

9.25 Film: The Big Red (1961) starring Walter Pidgeon, Gilles Payant and Emile Genest. First part of a Disney movie about a boy's belief that a dog can be handled and

that a cog can be handled and trained through love and care rather than harsh discipline. Directed by Norman Tokar

10.20 The Campbells. Return of the drama series set in the 19th-century. James is now lecturing at the Edinburgh Medical School

10.45 Link. A report on what Glasgow's Year of Culture means for the disabled

disabled
11.00 Homing Worship from Frinton
Free Church in Essex
12.00 Encounter: A Time To Die. Bob
Wright, a clinical nurse specializing in
crisis care in the accident and
emergency department at Leeds
General Infirmary, talks about
coping with bereavement
12.30 My Little Pony. Part four 12.40
Police 5 12.55 LWT News and
weather
1.00 News at One with Nicholas Owen,
Weather

art deco detective becomes involved in a society scandal.

(Oracle)

10.05 The Craig Ferguson Show.
Stand-up routines and sketches starring the Scottish cornedian

10.35 The South Bank Show: Yuri Bashmet. Film of the Ukranian viola virtuoso Yuri Bashmet at work

11.35 One to One. American
singer/songwriter Tom Petty talks to
Annie Nightingale
12.05 The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.05 Pick of the Week. A look back at the best of the week's regional

# 6.35 Open University 12.00 Westminster Week examines the work of the House of Lords. (Ceefax)

radically reform the Soviet Union succeed?

(Ceefex)

8.05 Ripping Yams. Roger of the Raj, starring Michael Palin and Joan Sanderson (f)

8.35 Airline: Jet Jockeys (see Choice)

9.26 The Talk Show with Clive James. Clive James is joined by journalist Christopher Hitchens, Christopher Monckton, former member of the Prime Minister's

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work of the House of Lords. (Ceers
12.35 Around Westminster
1.00 Open Forum Magazine examines
the role of research in universities
1.25 Weekend Outlook (r)
1.30 40 Minutes: A Safe Sex for a Safe
Seat (r). (Ceefax)
2.10 Reportage Update
3.00 International Bowls. The final sets
of the Embassy World Indoor
champloistic

championship

5.00 Rugby Special. Wales v Scotland
and France v Ireland

6.00 Russia at the Rubicon. Will
President Gorbachov's bid to 7.15 Land of the Eagle: Confronting
the Wilderness. Programme two of
the eight-part series on the
natural history of North America.

1.00 News at One with Nicholas Owen.
Weather

1.10 Eyewitness investigates the "peace dividend", the financial benefits for Britain that could come from the scaling down of armed forces. Includes interviews with Lord Carrington, Henry Kissinger and Jeanne Kirkpatrick

2.00 International Athletics. The European Indoor championships from the Kelvin Hall, Clasgow

3.25 The Match. Coventry v Aston Villa. The commentator is Brian Moore

5.35 International Athletics from Glasgow continued

6.00 Rescue: Water Fells. The visit of a party of Hindu monks to a highland waterfall turns to tragedy

6.30 News with Nicholas Owen.

Weather E.35 LWT News and weather

6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe pays a second visit to Chelmsford

7.15 The Two of Us: Dangers in the Night. Ashley and his grandiather are helping the police with their enquiries. (Oracle)

7.45 Denis Norden's 21 Years of Laughter. A personal selection of the best comedy to appear on LWT

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Laughter. A personal selection of the
best comedy to appear on LWT
over the past 21 years (r)
8.45 News with Nicholas Owen.
Weather \$.00 LWT Weather
9.05 Agatha Christle's Poinct: The
Adventure of the Westam Star. The

and at home

1.35 Film: The Last Train (1973)

rains the Leas train (1973) starting Jean-Louis Trintignant and Romy Schneider. As the Nazis sweep through Europe during May 1940, refugees are fleeing for their lives using whatever means available. Directed by Pierre Granter-Deferre Granier-Deferre
3.30 Hillary's Adventurers. Dare-devil

escapades
4.00 Nascer. Stock car racing
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

## CHANNEL 4

6.00 Halfelujahl (r) 6.30 Country
Ways. Wylye, Wilts, in July (r) 7.00
Growing Places with Penelope
Keith (r) 7.30 Box Office Weekly
8.00 The Bluffers 8.30
Children's Island. Episode four 9.00

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9.25 Spice. Eastern arts magazine

10.00 A Week in Politics examines the poll tax and student loans

11.00 Boom! (r) 11.30 The Henderson Kids 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land of the Glants.

2.00 Film: Confidential Agent (1945, b/w) starring Charles Boyer. Spanish Civil War drama directed by Herman Shumlin

Herman Shumlin
4.10 A Short Hectic Life. A Survival

documentary on the water shrew (r)

4.40 Out of the East: Hungarians, Not
Comrades. How Hungarians are
coping with their country's
transformation to a liberal democracy

transformation to a liberal demod 5.25 News summary and weather 5.30 Art of the Western World. The post-impressionist artists 6.00 4th Dimension 6.30 The Wonder Years 7.00 Fragile Earth: Halting the Fires. Atternatives to the burning of the Amazon rain forests. (Oracle) 9.00 The Media Show includes 2

8.00 The Media Show includes a discussion on the image of gay people on television

9.00 Sintonietta It: Singing the Uncertainties. Michael Tippett and

Thember of the Prane Manager's
Think Tank, and the editor of the
Sunday Times Andrew Neil

10.10 Screen Two: Small Zones (1990)
starring Catherine Neilson and
Suzanna Hamilton. Jenny, a
young woman from Hull trapped in a
violent marriage, reads poetry by
an imprisoned Russian, Irina, and
begins to understand that she is
in chame of her own desting. Uncertainties. Michael Tippett a his Songs for Dov

10.00 Film: Bequest to the Nation (1973) starring Peter Finch and Glenda Jackson. Drama about Nelson's relationship with Lady Hamilton. Directed by James Cellan Jones.

12.15am Film: The Trace (1982) starring Moune Moure Moure of Proceedings The Trace (1982)

Sam Film: The Trace (1982)
starring Mouna Noureddine. The story of a young girl trying to brask out of the rigid constraints of her gender in contemporary Tunsia. Directed by Nejla Ben Mabrouk. Subtitled. Ends 1.55

# begins to understand that she is in charge of her own destiny. Directed by Michael Whyte. (Ceefax) 11.30 International Bowls. Highlights of the singles final of the Embassy World Indoor championships, introduced by David Icke 12.30am Rapido (f) 1.00 Saub TV (r). Ends at 1.35 Z ZVARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 10.50am The Flying Doctors
11.35 Time For Sport 12.30pm-1.00
Farming in Wates 12.15em-12.20 News and
weather SCOTLAND: 12.20pm-1.00 Landward
BBC2 WALES: 12.35pm-1.00 See Hear!
SCOTLAND: 12.00-1.00pm News Gallery
NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.35pm-1.00 A Taste
of Ulster

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1.35 Quest of Courage 3.26 Cover Story (Mebba Moore)
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11.00 Boom 11.30 Henderson Kids 12.00 Waltons
1.00 pm Berw Miaen 1.20 Fides 9.200 Equinos 3.00
Crystal Maze 4.00 Film: Final Test 5.40 ics Walk 6.40
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10.50 All Muck and Magic 11.15 Mass 12.00 Beyond 2000 12.45pm Linde House on the Prairie 1.30 First Edition 2.00 Newsround 2.40 Disney Hour 3.35 Film: Bridge at Remagen 5.40 News 6.00 The Angelium 5.01 Irish '906.35 Costry Show 7.00 Pencenhie Kingdoms 8.00 Where in the World? 8.30 Generoe 9.00 News 9.25 Caught in the Act 10.30 Namy's People 11.00 Today Tonight Speckel 11.30 Film: Jettiffer A Women's Story 1.15am Close NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.20pm Spartacus
Beat Box 1.30pm Sesame Street 2.30 Elms Fluid 2.35 Saktie to John Huston 4.15 leadors 6.05 Zorro 6.25 Real Food of China 6.35 Nuscht 7.00 Newsweek 7.30 Fair City 6.00 Let's Face the Music 9.00 Inspector Morse 10.55 Ricky Scaggs 11.25 Sports special 12.30am (Cose

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SKY ONE

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6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour of Power 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm That's Incredible 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 89 3.00 The incredible Hulk 4.00 Emergency 5.00 Eight is Enough 6.00 Family Ties 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Condominum 10.00 Entertainment This Week 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Big Valley

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News on the hour. Target 6:30 The Unesco Report 7:30 Our World 8:30 Those Were The Days 9:30 Planet Earth 10:30 The Unesco Report Planet Earth 10.30 The Unesco Report 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30 pm 48 Hours 1.30 Those Were The Days 2.30 Planet Earth 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30 Those Were The Days 9.30 48 Hours 10.30 Planet Earth 12.30 ear Cops 1.30 Those Were The Days 2.30 48 Hours 3.30 Entertainment This Week 4.30 Those Were The Days 2.30 48 Hours 3.30 Entertainment This Week 4.30 Those Were The Days

#### SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Carry On England (1976): The Carry On team defend Britain during the Second World War 4.00 Chief Victory (1989): Michael Nouri as a top athlete who is given only a year to little.

ive 6.00 A Stoning in Folliam County (1988): An Amish baby is killed by four

(1985): An Arrish capy is knied by four teenage boys
7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
8.00 Long Journey Home (1987):
Meredith Baxter Birney as a woman whose husband returns home after 10 years
10.00 Stakeout (1987): Richard
Drayfuss and Emilio Estavez are assigned to stakeout the home of an escaped criminal's crifficand

criminal's girlfriend
12.00 Mayflower Madam (1987):
Candice Bergen as a descendant of the
Mayflower pligrims who becomes the
proprietor of a high-class New York escort

service

1.45ean Action Jackson (1988): Carl
Weathers as a disgraced cop goes on the
trail of the crook who set him up

4.00 Promised Land (1987): Klefer
Sutherland as a misfit who marries on a
whim and heads home to rejoin his
family With Med Bran Ende at 5.40ean family. With Meg Ryan. Ends at 5.40am

#### EUROSPORT

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Cricket 10.00 Speedskating 11.00 Skling 1.00pm Golf: American Express Mediterranean Open 3.00 Rugby Union: Five Nations Championships 6.00 Horse Show 7.00 Football 9.00 Golf 11.00 Skling

**6.00mm** Ray Cokes **10.30** The Big Picture **11.00** European Top **20 12.30mm** Club MTV **1.00** Paul King **4.30** Tears for Fears Interview **5.00** MTV's Greatest Hits 6.00 XPO 6.30 Kristiane Backer 9.30 New Visions: World Beat 10.00 Week in Rock 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30am Argentirian Football 1.30
Motor Racing 2.30 US Pro Ski Tour 4.00
Spanish Football 6.00 Ice Skating 7.30
Wide World of Sport 8.30 Basketball 10.00
Powersports 11.00 Sailing 12.00
Spanish Football 2.00pm Golf 4.00 Motor
Racing 6.00 Ice Hockey 8.00 Ice
Skating 9.15 Argentinian Football 10.15
The Harlem Globetrotters 11.30 Thai
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3.25 Rubinstein on Record with Graham Sheffield. The pignist Artur Rubinstein pignist Artur Hubinstein performs Chopin (Fentesy in Fritinox, Op 49; Brahms (Internezzi in A. Op 118 No 2, and Emmor, Op 119 No 2; Schumenn (Piano Quintet in Effat, Op 44: Guarreri Castetti VIII.) Lober (Prop.)

Cuartett; Villa-Lobos (Prole do bebe, excerpts); Saint-Saëns (Plano Concerto No 2 in G minor, Op 22: Symphony of the Air under Wellenstam); Prokofley Wallenstein); Prokofiet (March, Love of Three Oranges) (r)
4.55 BBC PO under Downes
performs Beethoven
(Overture, Coriolan); Liszt
(From the Cradle to the
Grave); Brahms (Serenade
No.1 in D) No 1 in D) 4.15 Boundaries: Scandinavian

Season, Accompanied by sounds and music from Helsmki and the surrounding countryside, six Finnish writers (two writing in Swedish, four in Finnish) show how they cope with their real and imagined 7.00 Ench Leinsdorf and the Chicago SO perform Mozarz (Symphony No 41 in C "Jupiter"); Hindemuth (Horn

Concerto): Mozart (Horn concerto No 2 in E flat: with Dale Clevenger, hom): Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales); Chabrier (España) 8.30 Stame String Quartet performs Haydn (Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2); Janacek (Quartet No 2 "Inamate Letters"): Schubert (Quartet in D

Maiden") 10.06 Third Ear with Robert Hewison 10.30 Love Bade Me Welcome: A meditation for the first Sunday in Lent, recorded in Coveriny Cathedral.
Readings from St Luke's gospel, merspersed with the poems of George Herbert and the music of Bach 11.20 The Secred Mystenes of Heinrich Biber (new series):

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in the test of five programmes on the 15 "Mystery Sonatas", inspired "Mystery Sonatas", inspirely events in the Virgin Mary's Ete, Catherine Maccuntosh, wolin, Timothy Kreimer, cello, Alasteir Ross, organ and Jakob Lindberg, theoropiarchiste, perform Sonatas, No 1 in Diranor "Annuncation", No 2 in a "Walterson". No 3 in 8 in A "Visitation", No 3 in 8 minor "Birth of Jesus", No 4 in D minor "Presentation of Jesus in the Temple" 12.00 News 12.05am Close

## WORLD SERVICE

6.00am German Features 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French
5.50 Financial Review 5.35 Weather and World News 5.09 Book Choice 5.15 Club
Travel News 8.00 News/scat 6.30 Londres
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1.00pm 24 Hours, and World News 1.45
Sports Roundup 2.01 Wearing Fur 2.30
Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Letter
From America 4.45 Nachrichten und
Presseschau

## RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30
Morning Has Broken (s)
6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Powell
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8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St
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10.15 The Archers omnibus
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11.30 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley with Sir lan
Trethowan, former directorgeneral of the SBC and
currently director of Thames
Television and chairman of
the Horserace Betting Levy
Board (5) 12.35 Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from Buckinghamshire, where members of the Marsh Gibbon Horticultura Society put their quenes to the experts 2.30 Classic Serial: The Mystery

of Edwin Drood, by Charles Dickens, dramatized in five parts by Cavid Buck. Part 1: Orphans (s) (r) 3.30 The Radio Programme with Laurie Taylor 4.00 News; Lord Nelson Expects: Seven days aboard the tall seven days aboard me tail ship Lord Nelson, owned by the Jubiee Sailing Trust and designed to accommodate the physically handicapped. With dary entires by Frank Sutton and Carole Whitfield

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5.00 News, Down Your Way:
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and Telephore 5.40 Lines of Communication: Patrick Hannah on history (5 of 6) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News
6.15 Letter From . . England,
Arkansas (new series): A
series of four talks by
foreign correspondents.
Stephen Jessel samples life
in an American small-form
8.30 Engnable inew series): in an American small-town

4.30 Europhile (new series):
Weekly magazine reflecting
political life in Europe

7.90 News; Cat's Whiskers with
Andy Crarle (s)

7.30 Bookshelf: Presented by
Nigel Forde, John Morumer
talks about his latest book
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8.00 The Radio 4 Debates: In the last of four programmes, Brian Redhead chairs a discussion at Leyhill Open Prison in Gloucestershire where the minister responsible for prisons prison reformers, prison officials and immates discuss the proposition that

"Our present prison system cannot rehabilitate offenders" (see Choice) 9.00 News; Enquire Within (r) 9.15 The Natural History Programme with Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News 10.15 Barman — The Lazarus

trama in which Police Commissioner Gordon (Pa Maxwell) delves into the background of Gotham City's famous vigitants (s) (r) 11.00 in Committee presented by John Tumbull 11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Way the World Is. Part 1: From Physicist to Priest. The Rev Dr John Polkinghome, president of Queens' College, Cambridge, presents sux programmes

Syndrome: Documentary-

11.45 Before the Ending of the Day (s) (1) 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast FM as LW except: 7.00-8.00am Open University: 7.00 Modern Art; Images of Prostitution 7.20 Social Sciences Prostation 1-20 Sciences: Sciences: Graphine Magazine 7-40 Mystery Plays 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-4.00pm Options: 4.00 Education Nations 4.30 The Westing Game 5.00 A Long, Long Talia A-Winding 5.30 Buongiomo Italia!

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# **Thatcher** missed

By Nigel Williamson Political Staff

Britain's loss could have been India's gain, Mrs Thatcher revealed yesterday when she told a party of Welsh schoolchildren that her original ambition had been to join the Civil Service in colonial India.

Her plans were thwarted -and the future course of history changed — when the post-war Labour Government granted Indian independence

Instead Mrs Thatcher took up a career in science which led to a position analyzing cake fillings at Lyons before she went into the law, met Denis, and then began her rise up the political ladder.

The Prime Minister was entertaining a group of 15 schoolchildren from Gendros Primary School in Swansea, who are making a video for a satellite link-up with penfriends in the United States. She told them: "When I was

very small I wanted to join the Indian civil service ... but by the time I was at university India was an independent nation and so then I started in

Betraying a fascination with the sub-continent, at least partly inspired by her oflstated passion for the works of Rudyard Kipling, Mrs That-cher praised the old imperi-alist regime which had run the country "very well".

However, the worksholic Prime Minister might well have become frustrated and unable to adjust to the more leisurely pace of life which characterized India.

In a message aimed at the Welsh children's transatlantic penfriends, the Prime Minister expressed her admiration for the vitality of North American life.

She told the children: "Everyone is just go, go. They are not grumpy and down in the mouth; they are optimistic.

"They don't give 100 reasons for why they can't do something; they give two or three reasons why they can do something and do it now".

The children ended their Downing Street visit by presenting the Prime Minister with two wooden, carved Welsh "love spoons", bearing

# A career boat that Fell runners tackle their own Everest



Fell runners in the Lake District are in training to scale the equivalent of the height of Mount Everest along the course of the world's first mountain race at Grasmere, Cumbria.

The four runners, starting at-2am, will take turns to ran 900 feet to Butter Crags and back until the height of Mount Everest, 29,028 feet, is achieved.

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Each runner will attempt eight ascents to the crass up a moun-

It is understood Mr Mal-

colm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, has warned

Cabinet colleagues that time

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Mr Mike Harding, singer, comedian, author and the former president of the Ramblers' Association, has agreed to at-

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finishing time for other teams to The intention is to find a company to sponsor the project, which is to help raise £20,000 to

tempt the final ascent and set a

Dr Terry McCormick, one of the runners, whose son Tangwyn, aged six, is a pupil at Grast said: "We have all been training hard. At the moment, we are completing the ascent and running back down in about 20 minutes."

The annual Grasmere Guides

using, is just over 12 minutes. natural history room at Grasmere The mountain run is the brainchild of Mr Andrew Astle, a local postman who also has a child at Grasmere school.

Dr McCormick, who is curator "We hope to establish a time for

for the Wordsworth Trust, said: the relay that teams will compete against next year. It could become an annual event."

# UK in marine dumping row

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

fused to give a categoric Tyne. assurance that Britain would His meet its own 1993 deadline for ending the dumping of indus-

Speaking to The Times, Mr Curry declined to rule out absolutely the issuing of new involved, ICI at Billingham Chris Patten, Secretary of are bitterly critical of Britain.

The Fisheries Minister, Mr on Teeside and Sterling State for the Environment. Mr David Curry, yesterday re- Organics at Newcastle upon Curry was asked by The Times

His remarks are likely to intensify the growing international row over Britain's trial wastes in the North Sea. continued marine dumping of chemical waste and sewage sludge. The row will come to a head at the Third North Sea the two companies principally week, to be attended by Mr have all now phased it out and

vesterday to clear up confusion over the deadline for ending industrial waste dumping. Britain agreed to halt the practice by December last year along with other countries at The Second North Sea Conference in London in 1987. licences beyond that date to Conference in The Hague next The other North Sea nations

Continued from page 1 ional outlook. Mr Richard Luce, the Minister for the Arts, added to the spirit of European unity displayed at the event by suggesting that

the newly-freed cities of Eastern Europe should apply for the title in the next few years. The Queen, who is patron of the event, said: "This recognition is well-deserved. The traditional Glaswegian virtues of vitality and self-confidence have enabled you to reach for this prize with a determ-

strong competition. She visited the British Art Show at the McLellan Gal. lenes - an exhibition by some of the most avant garde and esoteric artists in the UK today - and said after of. ficially opening the refur-bished galleries: "I enjoyed the experience."

ination which has overcome

Glasgow, she added, was a city of impressive cultural wealth. "In addition to its many fine buildings and wellstocked museums, it makes a major contribution to the live arts. I also admire the city's willingness to break down the artificial barriers that are so often raised between art and everyday life, by involving the whole community in the cultural life of the city."

M Chirac, who handed over the title to Mrs Susan Baird. Glaseow's Lord Provost, hefore 1,500 guests at the King's Theatre, said the great cities of Europe had a key role to play in the introduction of democracy throughout the continent.

"Now, more than ever, is the time to build a united Europe. Europeans have a lively hope and faith in the future of their continent."

Europe had emerged from a past characterized by conflicts, common hopes and projects. The great urban centres had the capacity to give renewed life to European spiritual and cultural identity.

Others who attended the handover included Mr Neil Kinnock, European industrialists, politicians, culture ministers, diplomats and figures from the arts world. The lunch at the City Chambers was attended by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for

#### of step with Europe for 11 cretion should be the better months each year and darker part of valour." Mr Donald Dewar, Labour vatives' already weak position evenings in September. British time is one hour spokesman for Scotland, said north of the border.

2 Skittle is new, in knotty pine (7).

3 Lace others' gins after shaking

5 She, for example, goes to church

to make solemn statement (9),

6 Liturgy sounds appropriate (4).

the sherry (7).

a day over (5).

7 Sadly for musicians, not opening

8 Woodland deity for a year - and

9 Easy pace of David Copperfield

14 Carton-preserved type — one of the best (10).

16 Hard job to make a rudder-holder (9).

18 Sovereign-stamper in Warwick,

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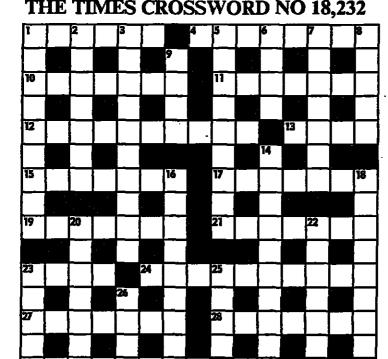
26 A clear desert (4).

20 Tinker takes in a stray (7).

would enhance business and

improve leisure opportunities.

Britain could end up with the "worst of all worlds" - out



**ACROSS** 

- 1 Pay out is correct (6). 4 False incentives to hold debtor's
- 10 Profile of county's opener, playing overseas? (7). 11 Unacceptable standard in dis-
- 12 Declaration of how things stood at Camptown? (10). 13 Playback of Othello, say (4). 15 Works in a road, surrounded by pubs (7).

  17 Sort of jacket for terrier (7).
- 19 Bony plates of retiring oriental creature (7). 21 Letter from overseas is left open, carelessly (7).
- 23 Fish daily (4). Before the departure of Julius Caesar, for example (4-6). 27 Weather less than fair, say (7).
- 28 Not well up? (7). 29 Genetics evolving third eve? (8). 30 Common cheat appears in costume regalia (6).

1 Just deserts for those named,

Concise crossword, page 48 Solution to Puzzle No 18,226 Solution to Puzzle No 18,231 RANGE NESTLING
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WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

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Scots hold back the clock

monization would mean more most of the year. Harmoniza-than 2,000 people would be tion would bring lighter sum-

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injury on the roads each year. winter mornings, but would particularly in Scotland. The He said it was generally make Scottish winters seem accepted that the change especially long and gloomy. would be very considerable."

A senior official said:

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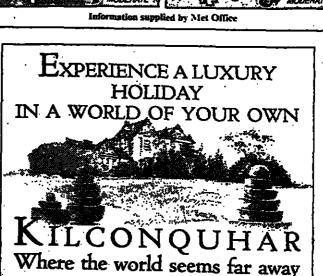
England and Wales will WEATHER have a dry day with a good deal of sunshine, particularly in southern and eastern parts. North-western coastal parts may be more cloudy with some rain. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain and drizzle. Sheltered parts of eastern Scotland will start bright but become more cloudy with some rain. Outlook: Dry in south, unsettled in north.

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#### **Executive Editor** David Brewerton

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# STOCK MARKET

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# Sterling battered

The pound took a battering for the second day as central bank intervention against the rising dollar restored the mark to favour after concern over German monetary union.

Sterling's trade-weighted index closed at 88.7, down 0.6 on the previous close, repeating the fall of the day before when sentiment against the currency seemed to have sour-ed. Last Friday it was at 90.2.

## Funds peril

Sharp falls in Tokyo have highlighted the dangers of ofishore funds investing in Japanese equity warrants. The DTI is examining whether UK regulations should be amended in view of less restrictive offshore rules.

Ferranti gain

Ferranti International banked £270 million from the sale of its radar division to GEC yesterday and cancelled a £187 million rights issue.

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Tokyo: Nikkei Average	34057.56 (+227.98)
Hong Kong: Hang Seng	2937.93 (+4.80)
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Gooding, who has found it impossible to work in the City since being charged parties for small symmetrical parties of the course of the more than two years ago, is set to carry out community service after admitting eight charges of insider trading. Gooding PINE PROPER TRANSP. 178.5 (Le was released on a month's conditional

yesterday.

# UK investors may gain from fraud deal



By A Correspondent

The Dutch authorities have accepted a cash payment of £2.2 million in return for dropping a criminal investigation against a Canadian fraudster who, with his associates, allegedly made £100 million from the sale of nearworthless stocks to investors in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. The investors may eventually receive part of the £2.2 million, though exactly how much will be distributed is still undecided.

Mr Irving Kott, a Montreal businessman who in 1976 was fined Can\$500,000 for a securities fraud while a professor of McGill Univer-sity in Montreal, has been under investigation by the Dutch since

1986, when his Amsterdam-based stockbroking firm, First Commerce Securities, was raided by police and closed down.

First Commerce Securities was the largest of the so-called "boilerroom" share dealing companies which took advantage of the Netherlands broking laws between 1980 and 1986, when tough new legislation was introduced.

At its peak, First Commerce had 20,000 clients, predominantly in the United Kingdom and Gulf states. Initially, it promoted shares in small over-the-counter companies. It acquired lines of shares before recommending them at a higher price to investors who believed they were receiving impartial advice. Later, Mr Kott helped set up

DeVoe Holbein International, which was said to have developed a method of extracting minerals from various sources, including seawater. Its shares were quoted only by First Commerce, which forecast earnings of \$60 - \$70 million in its first five years of operations. From \$1.50, the shares were quickly driven up to \$9 each. When First Commerce was closed down, the shares collapsed.

First Commerce's other main promotion was City Clock International, an advertising company with forecast earnings of \$0.62c a share for 1987, and a share price predicted to rise from \$1.50 to \$20, The business filed for bankruptcy in November 1986, soon after the Dutch authorities' first move

They are now worthless.

against First Commerce, which was declared bankrupt in January 1987. Now, a lawyer acting for Mr Kott

has agreed to hand over 7 million guilders (£2.2 million) if proceedings against Kott, his Canadian associates Dominique Schittecatte and Bashir Hussain, First Commerce's Dutch managing director Mr Walter Bonn, and two others, are dropped.Officials have withdrawn a warrant under which Mr Kott could have been detained if found in any country with which the Netherlands has an extradition treaty covering fraud.

The agreement does not affect inquiries by the Fraud Squad in the City of London into Investors Discount Brokerage, a share dealing company closed by the Department

Paper deal lifts Bunzl sale proceeds to £125m

of Trade in 1987, with debts of more than £1 million. IDB promoted a number of the same shares as First Commerce Securities, and its directors included Bashir Hussain.

Of the 7 million guilders agreed penalty, 5.5 million guilders will go to Mr Jan van Apeldoorn, liquidator of First Commerce Securi-ties. He said tax claims could take up all the money. "I am trying to get these claims down so I will be able to distribute something to the investors," he said. He has already received claims from 9,000 investors totalling £17 million.

Mr Kott was unavailable for comment yesterday. He is believed to be in the Netherlands where he and his associates have interests in a small merchant bank.

# Elders' stake in S&N sold for £90m loss

By Angela Mackay

biggest brewer which is undergoing a major reconstruction, yesterday sold its 23 per cent stake Family Money, page 23 in Scottish & Newcastle, realizing a loss of about £90 million on the deal.

Smith New Court, the broker, sold the entire stake at 290p a share to institutional investors in what the market believes is the largest equitybought deal accomplished by a single broking house.

The shares were sold at a 20p discount to the market to fetch £252 million, compared with £308 million if they had been sold at Eiders' average entry price of 354p. Holding costs of £36 million

- £16 million of which were written off in the last accounts added to the losses.

chairman, was delighted by the sale and said it was now "business as usual." S&N closed 10p lower at 300p. The sale ends an andacious

attempt by the owners of Courage in Britain, led by Mr John Elliott, the chairman, to Fosterise" Britain. The company bid 400p a share for S&N in October, 1988, only to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission a

After a tough battle, S&N

Bank faces

scrutiny

on Harrods

By Graham Searjeant

Publication of the DTI inspec-

tors' report on the 1985 pur-

chase of House of Fraser next

Wednesday is certain to bring

calls from Lonrho, members

of Parliament and City interests for further official action.

Attention is likely to focus

on the Bank of England, which

is the regulator for Harrods Bank, an authorized bank and

been considered by Bank regu-

lators since much of the

information in the report has

The report is also likely to

come a lowly-paid tree surgeon to

finance his £20,000 house and support

his family. But now Malcolm Gooding.

aged 42, is broke and unemployed,

Knightsbridge Crown Court heard

His career is in ruins after making a

profit of only £475 from three days of dealing in thousands of shares, while working for City firm UTC Securities.

Gooding bought and sold them under

the name of his hairdresser and other

chents over three days in September, 1987, after he had received confidential

information about a takeover bid.

been known for some time.

blocked the bid and ordered Elders to reduce its stake to less than 10 per cent by mid-

Like many aggressive Australian companies. Elders has been forced to re-evaluate its strategy by a combination of high interest rates and heavy debts. Elders has decided to concentrate on brewing and, to a lesser extent, agribusiness.

As a result, Elders has put most of its assets up for sale and is negotiating a reshaping of its brewing empire taking Grand Metropolitan, Britain's third biggest brewer, as a partner and issuing shares in a new agribusiness company to existing shareholders.

A GrandMet spokesman said the board would make a decision in the long-term in-

closed 14p down at 456p. Sources in Australia said Mr Elliott held several meetings this week with leading Australian institutional investors and told them the deal with GrandMet was almost final-

The main hitch is the price GrandMet is prepared to pay to subscribe for up to 25 per cent of Elders' capital. To avoid problems with Australian regulators, Elders needs to achieve at least Aus\$2.57 ders to postpone the sale.

Elders IXL, Australia's emerged the victor in March (£1.18) a share - the price last year when the authorities paid by Harlin Holdings, the company controlled by Elders executives that bid for Elders

last year. The purchase seems to help Harlin more than GrandMet by cutting its stake to less than 50 per cent and its debt by several hundred million dollars. GrandMet is believed to be

seeking a lower price but Elders is holding out for at least 260p and is offering a guar-anteed capital return of Aus50 cents a share by June 30.

Mr Elliott told institutional investors he was planning a further Aus50 cents a share capital return by December 31 once the company had sold Elders Resources.

These sources said contracts for the first three legs of the deal with GrandMet had been "initialled".

The contracts involve Elders selling 400 of Courage's managed pubs to GrandMet for £200 million; Elders and GrandMet forming a new company to hold the £2.7 billion tenanted pub estate; and Elders purchasing all or most of GrandMet's brewing for £350 million.

One month ago, several brokers tendered for the S&N stake, offering a median price of 325p a share. However, timetable problems forced El-

# Looking ahead: (from left) John Lloyd, Simon Every, Michael Morley and Philip Conway of Portals yesterday Portals to purchase Crompton

By Jeremy Andrews

Portals, the bank note paper manufacturer, is to buy Bunzl's long-fibre paper busi-ness for £37 million. The divestment brings the total proceeds from Bunzl's sales to £125 million since it announced plans to sell its noncore businesses in September. Portals is to pay an initial £25 million cash for Bunzl's

Crompton subsidiary, which makes paper for tea bags and sausage casings from three fac-tories in Lancashire and Gloucester. A further £12 million will be paid in two years.

In 1989 Crompton made £4 million profits before management charges on sales of £33 million. Mr John Lloyd, Portals' finance director, said the price was equivalent to 13 times earnings, discounting the interest-free deferred consideration at 15 per cent.

Mr Lloyd added that Portals' earnings per share would not be diluted in 1990, and he expected that growth from new products would eliminate any dilution by the time the deferred payment was made. After the sale of its water

treatment business to Thames Water in December, Portals had £20 million cash, and gearing will still be low after the new deal. But Portals plans to invest £15 million to modernize Crompton's plants.

Since September, Bunzl has raised £55.6 million from the sale of EESCO, its US electrical distributor, £26.8 million from the bulk of its graphic arts business and £5.75 million from Microwave Systems, an instrument repair company sold to Dowding & Mills last week.

# Waterford rescue deal

Mr Tony O'Reilly, the Irishborn chairman of HJ Heinz, the US food group, has made his move to rescue Waterford Wedgwood, the ailing Irish handmade crystal and china business, with an Ir£79.5 million (£74.7 million) capital injection in return for a 29.9 per cent stake held jointly by as Mr Robert Neihaus and Mr Fitzwilton, his private holding company, and Morgan Stan-Charles Tate, both managing ley Leveraged Equity Fund. directors of Morgan Stanley.

The deal, accompanied yesterday with a one-for-five rights issue at 1r27.5p to raise another In£22.8 million for Waterford, will cut Waterford's borrowings from Ir£125 million to just Ir£28.7 million. ital injection, the Morgan 10 per cent.

Management at Waterford, which yesterday announced losses of lrf20.6 million for 1989 against a pre-tax profit of Ir£2.7 million, will be bolstered by the presence on the board of four new non-executive directors - Mr O'Reilly, Mr Kevin McGoran, Fitzwilton chief executive, as well

Mr Paddy Byrne, chief executive of Waterford, said the company would try to cut costs by Ir£10 million on an annualized basis.

Of the Ir£79.5 million cap-

Stanley Leveraged Fund is putting up Ir£39.8 million, of which Morgan Stanley controls 10 per cent.

Fitzwilton, which yesterday raised Ir£4 million towards the deal through a 1-for-28 placing at Ir120p of 30 million new shares, is providing Ir£25 million, with the remainder put up by US and Canadian

Fitzwilton's investors include Mr John Kluge, the Metromedia communications head, said to be the richest man in America, with 10 per cent and Mr Paul Demerais, the Canadian billionaire, with

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#### part of the HoF group con-trolled by Mr Mohamed alwith £6.3 million in 1988. Fayed and his family. their 26.6 per cent stake. The Bank must be satisfied Mr David Abell, the chair-Holders of a further 17.7 per man, said the postponed sales that controllers of a bank are cent have said that it is their fit and proper persons, but it is would ensure a substantial imthought that the future of Harrods Bank has already

intention to accept Suter's offer. Chemoxy's board has given Suter an option to purchase its stake at 450p. with Chemoxy's defence doc-

south east London. The contribution from property was only £500,000, compared

# By Jeremy Andrews an exit p/e ratio of 13.

would leave earnings per share 27 per cent up at 34.9p, giving The fall in Suter's profits,

lower at 20.4p, was due to the failure to complete the sale of three surplus properties at Braintree, Essex, Greenock, Strathclyde, and Greenwich,

bought in a tenth of its equity

# bid for Chemoxy Suter has launched a £13.5 in the year to March. That million agreed bid for Chem-

Suter in £13.5m

## oxy International, the speci-ality chemicals producer, topping the £12 million offer from MTM which has now which left earnings 9 per cent been dropped.

Suter also brought forward its own figures for 1989 which showed profits 11 per cent down at £34.8 million.

The 450p cash offer is 50p more than MTM's and Suter has irrevocable acceptances from Chemoxy's directors for

The higher offer coincided ument in which the company

provement from property in 1990. He expected a modest recovery in overall profits and a more significant recovery in earnings per share as Suter during 1989. A final dividend forecast a 36 per cent rise in up 0.6p at 5.6p leaves the total

be debated in Parliament. pre-tax profits to £1.4 million a fifth up at 8.4p. Rowland's war, page 19 Defendant became a tree surgeon after being blacked by City

Broker 'made £475 from inside deals' A stockbroker caught dealing with bail to see whether he is suitable for time visiting his ill mother and pottering community service. Judge Stephen Mitchell said neither prison nor probainsider information was forced to bearound the garden trying to find some-

tion were sensible options. Mr David Farrington, Gooding's counsel, said: "He was blacked by the City and had to leave altogether. Nobody will touch him at all in relation to any consultancy. In an attempt to keep body and soul together, with a wife and family to support, he took a job as a consultant

tree surgeon. "But the firm was doing badly and he left, although since they have been inundated with requests after the storms. But he has severed all links, to such an extent that he can't now go back to that

Gooding lives off supplementary benefit and £340 a formight income support, in his house in Hall Green Lane, Hutton, near Brentwood, Essex. Mr Farrington added: "He spends his

taunts of other City brokers. The prosecution told the court that Gooding, who had been caught when a telephone conversation explaining the

company, had telephoned a witness and threatened him. Mr Farrington said Gooding had "cracked under the pressure" and made a telephone call last week, threatening

Stock Exchange. enough to make this 'phone call.'

thing to do. He is quite at a loss as to what he can go into." Gooding suffered weight loss and nerves because the case took two-and-ahalf years to come to court. Mr Farrington said. He also had to put up with the

deal was tapped by another stockbroking the broker who had reported him to the

He said: "He had, to an extent, cracked up and that was why he had been stupid

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# SRH to sell PC dealer offshoot

By Philip Pangalos

Systems Reliability Holdings, the acquisitive computer dealing and telephone systems group, plans to dispose of Corporate Computers, which makes up the bulk of its personal computer dealerships division.

The sale of Corporate Computers, one of the largest PC dealers in Britain, could fetch up to £15 million.

Corporate Computers was formed in 1988 after the merger of Fletcher Dennys Systems, the computer dealer-ship, and Essex & City

Under the control of Mr Robert Evans, the former financial controller at Hillsdown Holdings who became chairman and chief executive in late 1988, the company has been turned round. It made profits of about £1.5 million last year, on turnover of £35 million, and is expected to make profits of about £2.25 million this year, on sales of about £47 million.

Even if the proceeds from the sale were to sit in the bank, SRH could probably match Corporate Computers' earnings at current interest rates. A more likely scenario

would be for SRH to use the proceeds to fund further acquisitions and boost its remaining divisions, which are growing at a faster pace in particular, the mainframe services division, which has seen the fastest annual growth at about 30 per cent compound and provides more than half SRH's profits, and the communications division. Last October, Mr Evans

became executive chairman of Optim Group, an Unlisted Securities Market software company, after SRH took a 5 per cent stake and manage-ment control as part of a restructuring plan to revive the then loss-making group. SRH may also be looking to increase its interest in Optim in the near future.

Corporate Computers. which employs about 190 people, will probably be sold as a complete company,

Analysts expect SRH's pretax profits to reach between £7.5 million and £8 million for the year to end-December Corporate watchdog launches inquiry into group's transactions

# Bond Corp to be investigated

Australia's National Compan-ies and Securities Commis-sion (NCSC) is to embark on an investigation of Mr Alan report should be provided by

Bond's Bond Corporation Holdings and related companies, which is expected to take a year and cost at least Aus\$1.5 million (£688,000). The corporate watchdog re-ceived permission to go ahead with the investigation from

the Ministerial Council for Companies and Securities (MCCS) in Adelaide Mr Henry Bosch, chairman

of the NCSC, said the terms of reference set out by the MCCS would allow a thorough investigation. The investigation will target specific Bond company transactions in evidence presented to recent State Supreme Court hearings involvbrought to protect and preserve shareholders' funds.

The investigation will examine audits of Bond group accounts since June 30, 1987 and repayments to Bond group creditors since January 1, 1988. The NCSC has been ordered to investigate whether money was unlawfully or improperly paid to any Bond

within other Bond group companies, particularly Bell Resources Limited (BRL). The MCCS said an interim

June 30 this year.

The NCSC is due to be that "a lot of other matters replaced by a new national body, the Australian Securities Commission, on June 30. The MCCS said the ASC should be kept fully informed and that the investigation's priority should be to examine the evidence arising out of the NCSC's private hearings adjourned on December 22. The NCSC hearing centred

on three matters: a property deal involving FAI Insurances Ltd and the Emu Brewery site in Perth; the Aus\$1.2 billion paid by BRL to Bond Corp as a "deposit" on the company's brewing assets; and trans-actions involving Mr Bond's ing the Bond group to actions involving Mr Bond's determine whether any civil then personally controlled action should, or could, be gold offshoot, Bond International Gold (BIG).

The NCSC ruled that the Emu Brewery transaction was a funding agreement between FAI and Bond Corp rather than the sale of a property, and ordered that Mr Bond repay a Aus\$30 million commission he had received as part of the sale. The BRL investigation led to board control of that group creditor from funds company being lost by Bond

Corp in favour of an independent chairman and nominees of Mr John Spalvins' Adelaide Steamship Co, and the BIG investigation was dropped. Mr Bosch said yesterday

have arisen" since the Decem-ber 22 NCSC hearing. The council said another priority should be to examine evidence presented to the Vic-torian Supreme Court and the West Australian Supreme Court in proceedings involving companies in the Bond group earlier this year. The council also said the investigation should examine transactions involving the transfer of funds from BRL, JN Taylor Holdings or other non-wholly owned subsidiaries of Bond Corporation to other com-panies within the Bond group.

The inquiry should establish whether the Bond group's accounts complied with Companies Code requirements and were properly audited. It should also investigate the action of Bond group's major creditors to establish whether any major creditor received a repayment from any of the companies since January 1, 1988 which the creditor knew or ought to have known was not forced from the funds of



Alan Bond: NCSC investigation is expected to take a year

# Japan in six years

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Japan yesterday posted its first was mainly due to seasonal monthly current account defi-factors. The overall surplus for cit for six years, providing Mr 1989 was \$56.98 billion after Toshiki Kaifu, the prime min- \$79.63 billion the previous ister, with useful news for year. President Bush, whom he is meeting in California this

The \$636 million January deficit compared with a \$2.51 billion surplus in the month last year, but most economists do not expect the deficit to

Mr Kaifu, addressing the Japanese parliament, said he would make every effort to ease strained economic ties with the Americans.

largest since the \$562 million year, which should help to Sir Alistair Burnett, the broad-

# First trade gap for Banks and societies to agree code of practice

banks and building socieites, the committee will consult

groups, such as the National

Consumer Association and

The code is intended to

explain the rights and obliga-

tions of bank customers, out-

line dispute proceedures and

tice among staff.

the Data Protection Registrar,

Britain's banks and building societies are planning to establish a standard code of practice in response to government pressure.

Higher oil prices, slowing car exports and overseas travel by Japanese over New Year also influenced the January figures. Visible exports fell \$18.16 billion from \$23.99

billion in December, but were only moderately below last January's \$19.03 billion. While imports were little

1989 was \$56.98 billion after

changed from December at \$17.09 billion, they were substantially ahead of the The January deficit was the \$14.15 billion of January last

of Midland Bank. As well as working with the

The British Bankers' Association, together with the Building Societies Association and the Association for Payment Clearing Services, is on aspects of the code. A draft setting up a steering committee to draw up the code autumn. which it plans to introduce

The committee will be headed by Sir George Blunden, who is a former Deputy Governor of the Bank of

Other members will include

caster, and Mr Geoffrey Tay- Jack Committee report, publor, the former chief executive lished by the Treasury a year

> Mr Richard Ryder, the Economic Secretary to the Trea-sury, welcomed the announce-

"The proposed code of practice was the central recommendation of the Jacks Committee," he said.

code is likely to appear in the "I am extremely pleased that the banks and building societies are responding to the challenge in such a positive way."

promote set standards of prac-The government response to the rest of the Jacks The committee is being Report's findings is expected established in response to the to be published soon in a main recommendation of the White Paper.

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# to boost UK reserves

currency reserves by an underlying SI14 million last month the third consecutive monthly rise - Treasury figures show, The underlying trend, which is net of borrowings and payments, is seen as the best indication of the level of Bank of England intervention in the foreign exchange markets. The reserves rose by \$80 million in January.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Stronger pound helps

As the pound has recovered from the period of weakness after Mr Nigel Lawson resigned as Chancellor last October. the huge declines in reserves that followed have been haited.

Though the rise was below City forecasts of about \$150 million, yesterday's figures had no impact on the financial markets. Actual reserves in February were \$89 million higher, giving an end-month total of \$38.54 billion.

No reference Acsis buys for Laing bid for £2.5m

The £440 million joint bid for Laing Properties by P&O and Chelsfield, Mr Elliott Bernerd's company, is not to be examined by the Monopolies Commission. Mr Nicho-las Ridley, the Trade Secretary, followed the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, who recommended the bid should not be referred.

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Acsis, the marketing service es company, expanded its specialist recruitment division with the £2.5 million purchase of Nursing Management Services. Acris will pay up to £8 million, but the initial consideration is subject to a tiered clawback formula if NNIS does not achieve 4525,000 pre-tax profits for the year to end-March, 1990.

Lincat tops £600,000

Pre-tax profits at Lincat Group, the USM catering equipment manufacturer, were ahead by 42 per cent to £002,000 in the six months to end-December, on turnover up 25 per cent to £5.96 million. Eps rose 42 per cent to 5.7p, and the interim dividend climbs 20 per cent to 1.8p.

Mr Martin Craddock, the chairman, said the advance was achieved in spite of worsening economic conditions, adding that the outlook was satisfactory after a successful Hotelympia exhibition in January, with all the subsidiaries and their products attracting much interest.

# T&B takes in Statoil strikes

Tibbett & Britten Group, the food, toiletries and clothing distributor, is paying £4.5 million for Hunter Distribution's Northfleet depot. Turnover in the year to end-February is expected to be about £5 million. Net assets are valued at about £700,000. TBG shares firmed by 3p to

# £4.5m depot double profit

Norway's state oil company, Den Norske Stats Oljeselskap A/S (Statoil), says prospects for 1990 are good after higher production and crude prices helped double profits in 1989. Profit before extraordinary items was Kr8.2 billion (£754 million), exceeding a November forecast of kr7 billion.

# US indicators stable

The index of US leading indicators, the government's barometer of future economic trends, was unchanged in January after a revised 0.6 per cent rise in December. Seven components of the index fell: manufacturers' orders for consumer goods, money supply, plant and equipment orders, equity and commodity prices, consumer expectations and employment data, with weekly jobless claims rising.

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Edward Heath, the then prime

minister, to describe Lonrho

as "an unpleasant and un-

acceptable face of capitalism."

and began to focus attention

on Sir Hugh Fraser, who had

effectively inherited House of

Fraser from his father at the

age of 29. Sir Hugh, who died in 1987, was identified by Mr

Rowland as a man who cared

more about gambling than the

They developed a father-son relationship, joining one another's boards as Mr Row-

land amassed a 29 per cent stake in House of Fraser. But

he came up against the com-bined might of Warburg and

Cazenove, Fraser's adviser and broker. In 1980, they

brought on to the Fraser hoard

the redoubtably stubborn Professor Roland Smith, now

head of British Aerospace. He

was to prove a mighty stum-

In 1981, Lonrho made a full-scale bid, but it was stopped by the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission. Another Monopolies inquiry

was launched three years later

into an attempt by Lonrho to

Fayed, who had been a

Lourho director in 1975, of-

fered to buy Lonrho's stake in

Fraser. Mr Rowland replied:

The acceptable thing for us

would be an offer to all the

In October, Mr Rowland

changed his mind, allegedly in

frustration at the Monopolies

Commission report being fur-

ther delayed. In March 1985,

the Fayeds made a full bid,

Mr Rowland reacted like a

wounded bear, howling that

he had been unfairly denied.

The Observer, owned by

paign. The bid had been made

in cash, but Mr Rowland has

In 1987, Mr Paul Channon,

vestigation into the deal.

report has been delayed pend-

ing last week's decision by the

Director of Public Prosecu-

tions that "the evidence avail-

able is insufficient to afford a

realistic prospect of convic-

tion for any criminal offence

relating to any matter of

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out in fight for Harrods Tiny Rowland's quest for con-trol of Harrods, the 141-yearold Knightsbridge department store, has been one of the most fascinating business stories of the 20th century: the determmation of one man, in the face of successive reversals, to reach a chosen goal.

This week, Mr Rowland received another blow in his 14year struggle when Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, said he did not intend to take any further action in respect of the takeover of House of Fraser, the Harrods parent company, by the Egyptian-born Fayed brothers.

After the announcement Lonrho, Mr Rowland's company, contented itself with predicting that there would be "a demand for action" when the DTI inspectors' report on the takeover is published on Wednesday.

Loudest in making those demands will be Mr Rowland himself. One suggestion is that he might challenge Mr Ridley's decision by asking the courts for a judicial review. Or he may attempt to sue the Fayeds through a civil action. But, even though he will be 73 this year, Mr Rowland's unfailing determination, coupled with effectively un-limited reserves to pay legal fees, ensures he will find some

means of continuing the fight.

While obsession, defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "the action of any influence, notion or fixed idea which persistently assails or vexes", is the most accurate word to describe Mr Rowland's behaviour since 1976, it seems inadequate to encompass the fierce vendetta this strong-minded and charismatic man has pursued. Mr Rowland joined Lonrho

in 1961. Originally called the London and Rhodesia Mining and Land Company, he built it into an Africa-based trading business, buying and selling sugar, maize, copper, oil, asbestos, diamonds and other commodities. In the mid-1970s, he decided to expand Lonrho's interests in Britain, mainly because a change in the law made it expensive to pay dividends out of overseas

Although he acquired hotels and dabbled in manufacturing, his grand design was to build a British retailing em-pire, whose rich cash flows he could deploy elsewhere. Harrods was to be the centrepiece of that strategy. It was to be the greatest test of his claim to have "a deep animal instinct

for the chemistry of people." Born in India of German parents. Mr Rowland returned to Hamburg with his family in the 1920s and he briefly joined the family moved to England, where he attended Churchers, a minor public school in Pet-

Bricom sale

earns £21m

for B&C

British & Commonwealth has

raised £21.6 million from the

sale of the bulk of its 20 per

cent stake in Bricom, the

commercial services subsid-

iary sold to a management

consortium for £400 million

in June 1988. The proceeds

compare with the original cost

of the stake of £10.3 million.

Bristow Helicopters and

Steels, the in-flight caterer.

The price reflects an 800 per

cent rise in the value of its

The international offer of new

shares in France's Union des

Assurances de Paris was fully

subscribed and closed last

night two weeks ahead of sche-

dule. The French part of the Fr10.6 billion (£1.1 billion)

issue is selling very slowly.

The Securities Association,

the Stock Exchange regulatory

body, is considering empowering its complaints bureau to

order firms to pay compensa-tion of up to £500 if they fail to

deal responsibly with an

Plan dropped

Benchmark Group has drop-

ped plans to merge Charlton Scal Schaversen, its stock-

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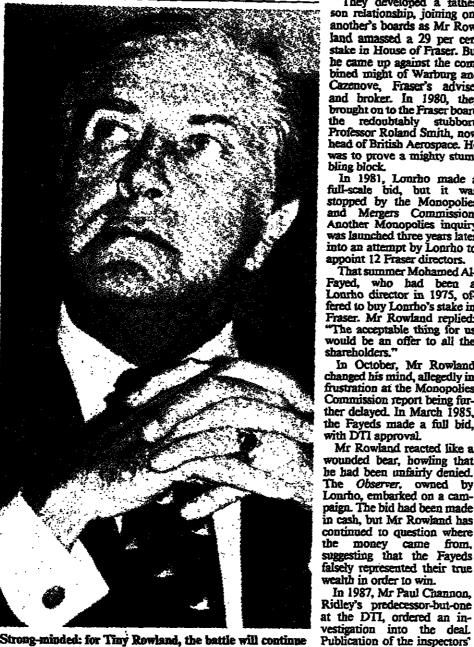
ordinary shares.

Bricom's main activities are

The chief executive of Lonrho will Cunard. But Sir Basil organized a revolt which caused Mr continue his obsessive struggle to gain control of House of Fraser,

writes William Kay, despite a DTI ruling against any further action over the takeover of the group by

the Fayed brothers in 1985



Strong-minded: for Tiny Rowland, the battle will continue

Further falls for

ersfield, Hampshire. After the war, he went into business, transferring to South Africa because of apparent unhappi-ness with the British tax

Mr Rowland's ability to persuade African political leaders to do business with him. They needed knowhow and contacts, but mistrusted most the Hitler Youth. In the 1930s white entrepreneurs. He deliv-

directors were arrested in South Africa and two others resigned. So did SG Warburg as merchant bank advisers. The board called in Peat Marwick, the accountant, to

red. Lord Duncan-Sandys, Sir In 1971, City confidence in Edward du Cann and Sir Basil

They discovered a liquidity crisis, as a result of which Mr Rowland recruited non-executive directors to bolster confidence. They included the late more than enough straws to

#### clutch on to his belief that he should be the rightful owner of Lonrho collapsed after two Smallpeice, former head of Harrods. Blue Arrow

Fine Art shares

when it gave warning that profits for the year to March 1990 would be barely up on last year's £22.6 million.

Brokers have been downgrading profits from about £27 million, wiping £28.3 million off the company's value as the shares fell by 15 per cent. The company said that

while the general mail order business had a successful autumn, the spring campaign was very dissapointing with sales down on last year and the business not covering its costs. Venture Marketing, the personal shopping mail order business, has also experienced poor results and Papertree, the card shops, have suffered from the retail downturn.

Fine Art's results have also been hit by the delayed £14 million sale of the group's Australian operations to EFL.

By Gillian Bowditch Shares in Fine Art Develop- the Dutch conglomerate. Mr ments, the greeting card and Keith Chapman, the chairmail order business, fell a man, said that while mail further 12p to 218p yesterday order had had a good autumn, spring was disastrous. Venture Marketing will make a loss and the group is believed to be considering selling the busi-ness. The Papertree chain, reduced from 120 to 90 shops,

will be cut down further. Miss Kimlan Cook of Smith New Court, who downgraded her profit forecast on Thursday from £27.5 million to £23 million, says £1.5 million of the downgrading related to Venture Marketing, £2 million to the over-expansion at Papertree and £1 million to the delay in the sale of the Australian business. But she believes the shares are a good long-term buy at their present level.

Mr Charles Allen at County NatWest agrees. "At the end of the day you have to realize this is a business which is expected to make more money than Storehouse this year."

Inoco slumps into loss

Inoco, the property group, share (earnings of 1.90p). made a pre-tax loss of £7.66 While operating profits admillion in 1989, against a profit of £2.29 million, and issued a warning that there will be further losses until interest rates fall.

(0.225p) on a loss of 1.8p a asset value of 41p.

While operating profits advanced from £5.36 million to £6.48 million, interest charges jumped from £2.19 million to £7.03 million. Inoco's shares were traded at 12p yesterday There is no dividend compared with a year-end ner

# case sent for trial

Ten men, a woman and three companies charged in connection with the alleged £837 million Blue Arrow fraud, were committed to the Central Criminal Court for trial by

City of London Magistrates. It is believed to be the first time corporate charges have been brought and centres around the August 1987 flotation of Blue Arrow, the

employment agency
The charged were allowed bail with a surety or sureties in varying amounts, passports to be surrendered, not to discuss the case with named witnesses and to notify police of any change of address.

Accused are: Courny NatWest, the merchant banking arm of National Westminster, NatWest Investment Bank, and UBS Phillips and Drew, the stockbroker: Mr Charles Villiers, aged 48, former chairman at County NatWest: Mr Jonathan Cohen, aged 44, its former chief executive; and Mr Timothy Brown, aged 45, managing director of P&D.

Mr Nicholas Wells, aged 35, and Mr David Reed, aged 42, both former directors in County NatWest's corporate advisory division: Miss Elizabeth Brimelow, aged 38, former director of County NatWest; Mr Stephen Clark, aged 41. County NatWest finance director, Mr Alan Keat, aged 47, former legal adviser to County NatWest: Mr Martin Gibbs. aged 60, former head of corporate finance at P&D: Mr Paul Smallwood, aged 55, director of British equity sales at P&D; and Mr Christopher Stainforth, aged 36, former transaction team leader of corporate finance at P&D.

# Hampden builds to £1.49m By Melinda Wittstock

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fast-based DIY store operator which is 29.9 per cent owned by Ladbroke's Texas Homecare subsidiary, has increased 1489 pre-tax profits by 6.4 per cent to £1.49 million despite what it characterized as a Severe downturn in consumer expenditure."

Turnover at the company, which opened two more Texas Homecare stores in Northern freland in 1989, was up 0.5 per ings, the car repair business, housing and retail markets.

Hampden Homecare, the Bel-cent to £20.7 million, while Hampden has opened up five operating margins were unchanged at 6.1 per cent. Earnings per share slipped from 9.1 Ip to 7.6p. The final

dividend is up from 1.5p to 1.6p, making a total of 2.1p, against 2p last time. Hampden said it is to open

up three more Texas Homecare superstores in Dublin. Under Hampden's joint venture with Kwik-Fit Hold-

more Kwik-Fit centres bringine the total to nine in Northern Ireland. Hampden said that despite

difficult trading conditions, the division performed satisfactorily and is well-placed for further expansion.

The company said it is taking a "cautious" view on its performance in the shortterm, given the depressed

# Rowland down but not The new Germany passes Japan in superpower race

he tide of euphoria that swept the FT-SE index to 2,479 on January 4 has gone out. In differing degrees, all important equity markets, with the exception of Frankfurt, have had a similar experi-

They have not crashed: they have adjusted the value of shares - downward - in response to rising bond

High interest rates are not exactly a new phenomenon in the UK, nor in the United States, but by encouraging them, the West German and Japanese central banks have postponed the day when it might be sensible to anticipate lower rates in London and New York. The equity market may remain in a dreary state for a while yet, but better dreary than dire.

The most potent factor shaping expectations in the money capitals of the world is not, however, high interest

It is the girding up of the two Germanys for unification and super power status. Six months ago, only Japan seemed to have the qualifications to sit on the right hand side of the United States.

With unification, the opening to the East and inevitable economic domi-nance in Europe as a whole, Germany's claims rival and probably now exceed

This is a daunting prospect for the rest of the European Community. Brussels fears that West Germany will relegate Community aspirations, for example for monetary union, in favour of the more immediate, practical benefits of drawing in East

For the West German economy, already at full stretch, a large Germanspeaking labour force is manna from a Teutonic heaven and the Democratic Republic better ground for siting new factories than, say, Spain or Portugal. Absorbing East Germany is clearly



not without problems. Chancellor Helmut Kohl is wedded to German monetary union on the basis of parityone East German mark for one West. This would mean an instant bonus for East Germans and a bonanza for those with savings to convert.

A wave of spending would add to inflationary pressures already implied in West German's commitment to provide financial aid to assist in East Germany's regeneration.

The West German central bank, zealous guardian of the value of the mark, has reservations but has let itself, for the time being, be carried along by the political will. Outside West Germany, the problems are being exag-gerated, I suspect, out of wishful thinking.

West Germany has the scope and is unlikely to lack the determination to engineer German monetary union on a minimum inflation basis. Higher interest rates, already in train in the German bond market, is one safeguard. A revaluation of the West German

mark, through the impact it would have in raising imports and releasing West German resources for transfer to East Germany, is another. For the moment however, it is the

Bank of Japan, not the Bundesbank, that is driving the world's bond and equity markets. The new Governor, Yasushi Mieno, has provoked a public dispute with the Ministry of Finance, with his commitment to controlling asset prices (notably land but also securities) through

taking money out of the system by propping up the yen. Mayhem in the Tokyo market, and some injury to London and Wall Street, is down to Mr

While Japanese policy is best described as confused, it has also set the tone in London and New York. Both markets, with memories of the October 1987 crash still fresh in the memory, have shown surprising resilience. The prevailing sentiment in London remains bearish but not heavily so.

The volume of business has been woefully low with the managers of big investment funds content to leave the action to small and medium-sized players.

One of the lessons of 1987, and underlined in last autumn's sudden fall, is the difficulty fund managers may have in buying back good stock they sold when the market was diving. Another reason for remaining firmly on the sidelines and not rushing to sell is that relatively small selling orders will have a disproportionate impact on the market price. The main outcome of a sale of part of a holding could be to depress the value of stock still in the fund. For managers of huge funds, the exercise is self-defeating.

Statistical comparisons of share values in the US, Japan and Germany put UK equities in a reassuring light. The mood however is unlikely to turn positive until there is some good news from the economic front and/or the heat under the Government subsides. The January trade figures and the latest money supply figures were not helpful but the Budget is little more than two weeks away (March 20).

The City is prepared to give John Major a fair wind. The one thing he would not be forgiven for is relaxing his economic policy in response to Tory backbench pressures. The teenage scribblers who put Nigel Lawson in his place sense that Mr Major is on a winning course and should not deviate.

# No quarter in a fight to the death

putting up the official discount rate and

remember, a long time ago, asking an Ulster colleague: "What is the answer to the Irish question?" His answer was simple and, as I came to realize, absolutely correct: "If you think there's an answer, you don't understand the question."

I have often thought that the the 12 years war between Tiny Rowland and House of Fraser was akin to the Irish question - particularly so since March. 1985, when the Faved brothers succeeded where Mr Rowland had failed acquiring Fraser and with it the prize stances of the 1985 takeover are examined in a Department of Trade report which will be published, at last, on Wednesday.

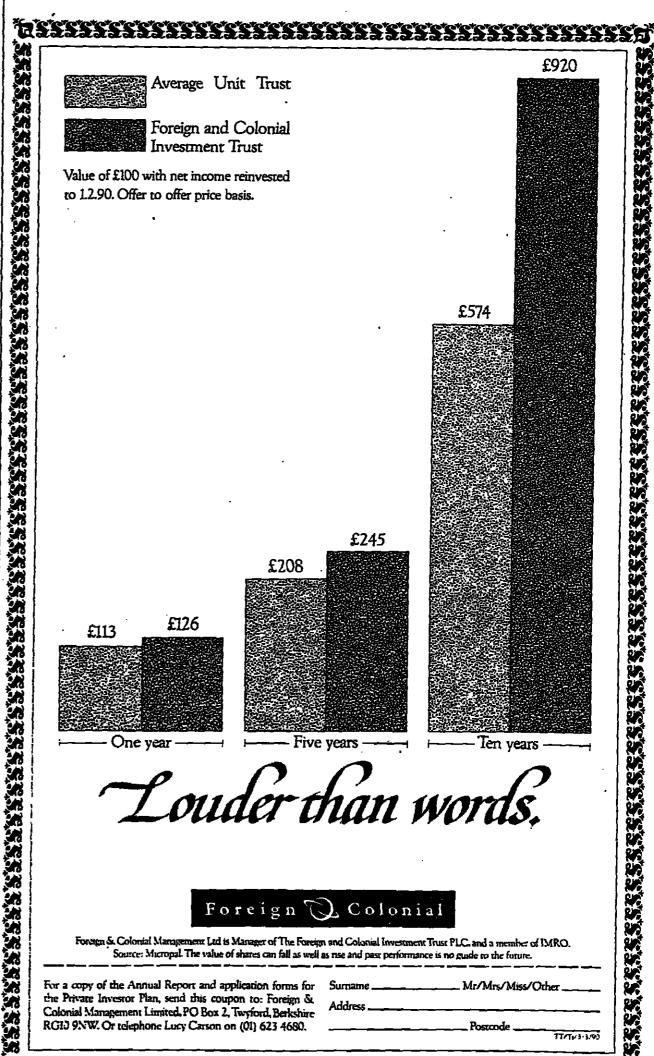
The Secretary of State, Nicholas Ridley, has said that the Government does not intend to take any further action in the affair. That ought to be that but, of course, it won't be.

Details in the report will arouse renewed controversy but more important, for the two protagonists, Mr Rowland and Mohamed Al Fayed, this

is a life-long contest. No quarter is asked and none is given. Tiny is a formidable and unrelenting adversary, as he recently demonstrated in driving the Bond Corporation to its knees.

I can think of no-one in this country who would now even stand up to him, let alone have any chance of winning. The exception is Mohamed who is not only a match for him but is well ahead

When, if ever, the full story is told I doubt whether anyone in this country will believe it.



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abortive bid last year and it is

believed to have suffered a

substantial loss on deal. The

speculators had been hoping

that Elders would sell its stake

Thorn EMI rallied 12p to

692p. There had been talk that it was about to pay \$750 million for Geffen Records, which is the biggest indepen-

dent record producer in the

US, financed by a rights issue.

Mr David Geffen, who

founded the company 10 years

ago, has received a number of approaches but says it is not

Telecom cheapened 142p to

295p with one broker said to

be urging its clients to switch into Cable and Wireless, 7p

dearer at 535p. But the story

appears to have little basis for

truth with BT's yield contin-

uing to attract the income

Sketchley's price remained

in freefall, losing a further 32p to 254p following its profit

and dividend warning which prompted Godfrey Davis, the

Sunlight laundry group, to withdraw its £127 million bid

on Thursday. Davis firmed 6p

Its formal rejection docu-

ment revealed that pre-tax

profits for the year to the end

of this month will tumble

from £17.3 million to £6

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STOCK MARKET

# Granada falls as broker prepares bearish review 290p level. Elders was ordered to reduce its holding in S&N by the Government following its

Granada, the television and motorway services group, fell sharply in after hours' trading as one big securities house prepared to publish an extensive review of the company which paints a bleak picture of

The shares ended 10p off at 288p compared with a low for the year of 267p. The review, being prepared by Kleinwort Benson, the broker, highlights a series of acquisitions by Granada which failed to live up to expectations.

Kleinwort is forecasting pre-tax profits for the current year, to September 30, of £160 million. This compares with £164 million last year. Kleinwort says that Granada is suffering from the downturn in the economy. Motorway services and bingo, which previously provided its biggest source of revenue, have already been affected. A recovery is expected next year with a profit of £178 million.

But the review is scathing about Granada's acquisition strategy. In 1986, it paid £30 million for Laskys, the electrical retailer, before selling it last year for £9 million. Its £106 million takeover of DPCE, the computer services group, also turned sour. Granada has made write-offs totalling £127 million and WSL, its package tour operator, is also struggling to make profits.

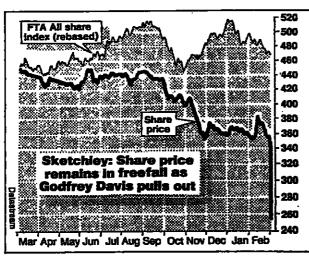
On top of this, Granada may decide to pay up to £175

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Boots firmed 2p to 264p following a presentation for fund managers, arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker. Hoare continues to rate the shares as a buy and it still expects pre-tax profits of £340 million in the current year followed by £380 million in 1991. Warburg also rates Boots as a buy but has trimmed its 1991 forecast from £387 million to £382 million.

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market achieved a modest rally to finish a nervous week. Sentiment was given a lift by the news that Warburg Securities was taking a bullish stance on the longer-term outlook for the market and has raised its year-end forecast for the FT- institutional clients at the

securities suffered losses stretching to £1/2 at the longer end.

Scottish & Newcastie Breweries fell 10p to 300p as Elders IXL, the Australian brewery, finally disposed of its stake of almost 24 per cent. Smith New Court, the broker, placed the 85 million shares with various

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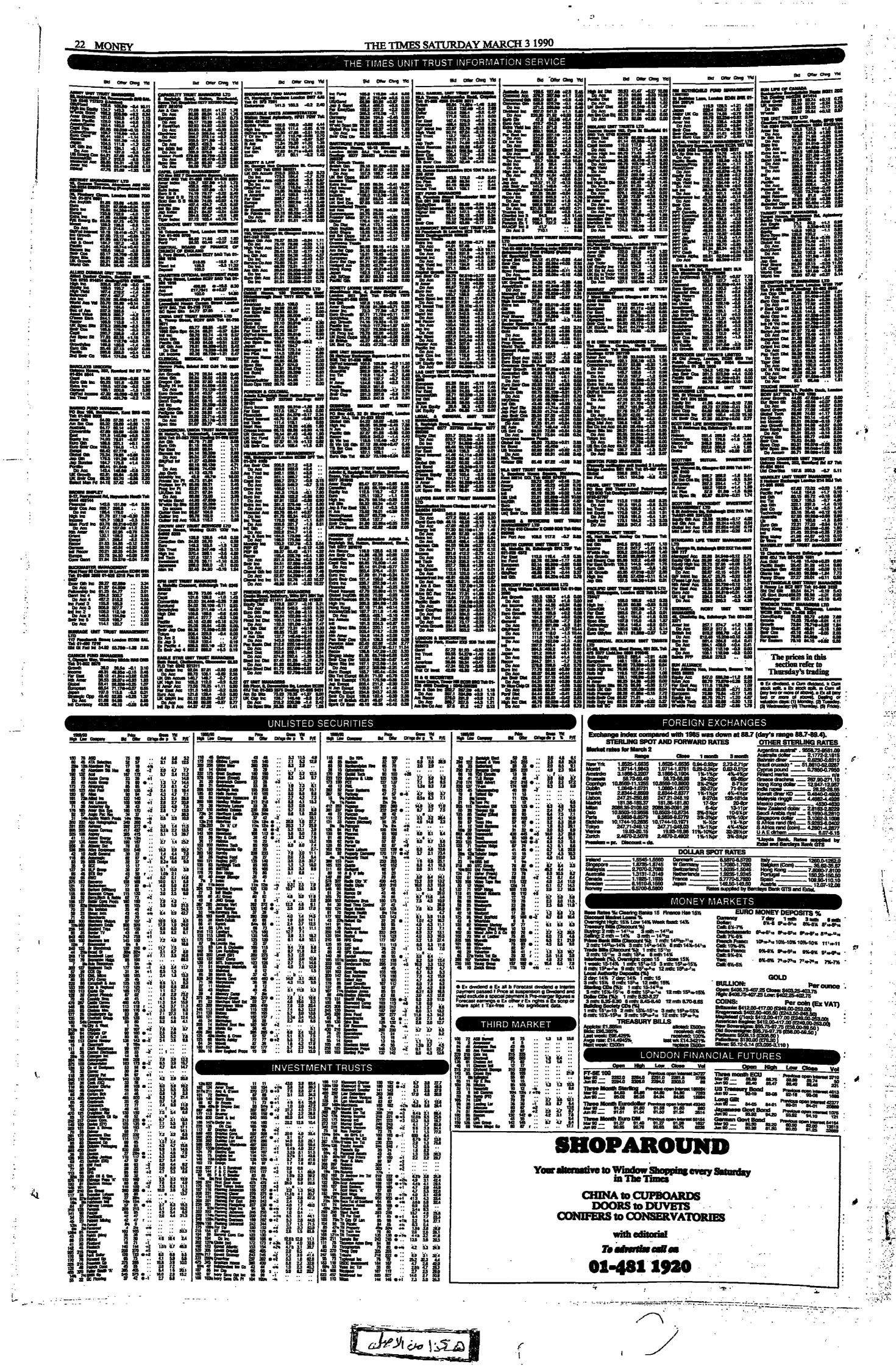
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# Offshore warning in Tokyo

Japan's stock market

crisis has revealed

the dangers of some investment funds.

writes Jon Ashworth

The huge falls on the Tokyo Stock Market this week have highlighted the dangers of offshore funds which invest in Japanese warrants. The value of the funds, including MIM Britannia's Nippon Warrant Fund and Gartmore's Japan Warrant fund, have plunged by up to 26 per cent in a matter of weeks,

Mr Francis Pike, director of Japanese and Asian Markets at MIM Britannia International in Jersey, said the high gearing of the Nippon Warrant Fund had always been stressed, adding: "We have always said that this fund was going to be volatile in relation to the stock market. The fund has been down 26 per cent against a fall in shares of 12 per cent, but relatively

this is not as bad as it sounds." An investment of \$5,000 placed in the Nippon Warrant Fund when it was launched in August, 1986, would have grown to \$54,150 offer-tooffer by November 1, 1989. On the basis of a 26 per cent loss, the same amount would now be worth \$40,071.

Mr Pike said it was unlikely that the market would fall much further, adding: "In the past 10 years there have been at least half a dozen occasions when the market has fallen 15 per cent. This tends to be forgotten." He advised investors not to sell.

Gartmore's Japan Warrant Fund, also registered in Luxembourg, has fallen more than 22 per cent since January. Mr Bruce Seton, a director of Gartmore Investment Management, said the fund

Unit trust ombudsman with

plenty to complain about

Unit trust investors who wish and ordering one company to to complain about poor service may face a frustrating of the £100,000 maximum

Noting that misunderstand-

ust ombudsman. "At the moment, each com- disputes, Mr Parsons suggest-Since the ombudsman plaint costs us more than it ed an additional warning for

should," said Mr Parsons,

"It's like a company. It will

take a year or two to become

But lack of enthusiasm from

the unit trust companies could

put a damper on long-term

plans. Mr Tony Smith, chief

executive of the Unit Trust

Association, said that almost

all unit trust management

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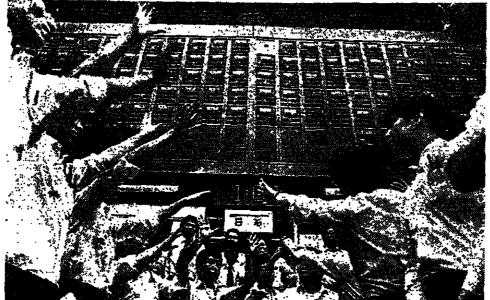
"They are reluctant to pay

yet again for the unit trust

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Dealing days: heavy losses on the Tokyo Stock Exchange took their toll on offshore funds

including a dividend of 30

week. Mr Seton said: "The

was still 8.75 times up on its cents payout. An investment been drifting off since then. If launch level in January 1986. of \$5,000 at launch would the index is off 10 per cent, the On a launch price of \$1 per have peaked at \$54,500 and fund would be off 30 per cent, share, it peaked at \$10.90, been trading near \$41,400 this on a gearing of 3.5." Due to their volatility, UK

cents, and was trading at \$8.28 warrant market probably funds can only put up to 5 per on Thursday, after a second 30 peaked in December and has cent of their assets into war-

as Nippon Warrant and Japan been due for a correction. Warrant are not restricted, significantly raising the prospect of sharp gains or losses.

MIM Britannia advises clients to put no more than 10 per cent of their portfolio into Nippon Warrant, allowing an effective exposure to Japanese equities of about 35 per cent. It gives warning that investors may not get back the amount originally invested because Japanese equity warrants can be a volatile investment.

The Nikkei index peaked at 38,915 on December 29, falling to 33,829 by March 1. Analysts expect it to settle into a trading range of between 32,000 and 34,000 during the next six weeks.

Mr George Watson, Japanese Equity salesman at James Capel, the broker, said the market had been "absolutely all over the place", moving as much as 3,000 points a day. He blamed a weak yen and upward pressure on interest

Mr David Stewart, head of

rants. But offshore funds such artment, said the market had He expects the Nikkei to

trade at between 31,000 and 36,000 before recovering, but issued a warning to investors not to expect the heady gains typical of the past two years. He said: "The message to unit trust investors is that

Japan is still going to be an extremely strong economy, and they are definitely not to panic. But they are not going to make 25 per cent a year on their investment."

The index reached 26,600 before the October 1987 Crash, falling to 21,200 by the end of the year. It had begun to fally by January 1988. Mr Caspar Luard, Japanese

institutional salesman at Nomura International, blamed the recent sharp falls on a weak bond market and a split between the Bank of Japan and the Ministry of Finance over interest rate policy.

Market worries were exacerbated by futures-related arbitrage involving US houses such as Morgan Stanley and Salomon Brothers. The Nikkei 225 future expires on March 8, increasing volatility.

Mr Luard expects Tokyo to remain unstable for the next six weeks, gradually picking up from the middle of April. He said: "The Japanese Gross National Product is still growing at 4 per cent - faster than any other economy. A respectable return can be expected, but nothing like the

gains seen in 1987/1988." Mr Ian Vose, investment director of Morgan Grenfell months.

He said: "We expect the market to remain volatile, but a good manager should be able to make money." He recommends a switch from smaller companies to blue chips.

# Joining the rush for fixed rates

Borrowers are falling over themselves to snap up mortgages with fixed rates well below the 15.4 per cent set by the Abbey National two weeks ago (Jon Ashworth writes).

Girobank and Firstdirect are top of the league with three-year fixed rate plans at 12.95 per cent and 12.99 per cent respectively. Barciays Bank has a two-year mortgage, pegging the rate at 13.4 per cent, while the Yorkshire and Skipton societies offer mortgages at 13.75 per cent fixed for three years.

The Yorkshire loan is in its third tranche, after the first two were snapped up in hours. A spokesman said: "We had about 1,000 applications for our 13.5 per cent two-year loan which went in 24 hours. About 1,700 people applied for the second 13.95 per cent loan, and the new one is going very quickly."

The society set aside £50 million for each of the earlier issues. The Skipton, which launches its 13.75 per cent three-year loan on Monday, said early interest had been

A spokesman said: "The branches think it will sell very quickly and very well. It may not be such a good deal at the end of three years, but people are prepared to take a small amount of risk."

The Skipton has set aside £50 million to begin with, but may increase it depending on the response. The minimum loan is £20,000.

National & Provincial has a three-year fixed rate mortgage Permanent's 13.35 per cent three-year plan has sold out.

# Future looks bright for savers

Whatever happens in Tokyo, investors in Britain have the security of higher savings rates to look forward to. Some building societies have raised theirs by up to 1

Shield Assurance is paying 12.3 per cent interest on £5,000 or more invested. per cent, with others certain to follow.

The Portsmouth Building Society has launched a one-year account paying 13 per cent interest on as little as £15,000 one of the best deals presently available. The Guardian Building Society is paying 12.85 per cent on similar terms, but savers may do well to wait a week or two before rushing into any fixed rate deals.

"It's very difficult to know what to go for at the moment," said Miss Kathryn Deane, of the Good Savings Guide. "I would recommend savers to keep their money in an instant access account until

Noting that misunderstand-

ings were the prime cause of

publicity material, to say that

unit trusts were not suitable

He also suggested that unit

trust companies be allowed to

stop printing "cancellation" prices on their contract notes,

since these bear no relation to

what an investor would get if

the deal were cancelled - they

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Asked whether he would

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for short-term investment.

cent interest on £5,000 or more invested in its Guaranteed Income Bond over one year. Other top GIB rates include 12.3 per cent from American Life on £25,000, and 12.5 per cent from New Direction Finance on £100,000. American Life pays a peak rate of 12.6 per cent, but the minimum investment is £500,000.

Premier II, a two-year bond from the Yorkshire Building Society, pays 12.5 per cent net on £10,000 or more. No partial withdrawals are permitted. Scarborough Building Society has a six-month fixed interest share account, Summer Six, paying 11.75 per cent net on

£1,000 or more. Northern Rock Building Society has a personal time deposit acunt paying interest gross on £50,000 or more locked in from one mouth to a year. Rates vary daily, but anyone investing on Thursday stood to make 14.875 per cent fixed for the whole of the term.

The Halifax has a top rate of 12.25 per cent net on its Capital XtraAccount.

Leeds Permanent pays 12.5 per cent net little headway could be exmonthly on £25,000 in Special Edition, pected in the next three its 12-month term account. The Woolwich pays 12.5 per cent on £10,000 in its one-year term account. Lloyds Bank has launched a fixed rate deposit account paying 12 per cent net on £5,000. On £50,000, the account pays gross interest of 15.4 per cent.

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just because en annual deadline is looming on the cal-endar. Buy now before it's too late" is a familiar cry as the Budget and new tax year draw nearer. But investors who are pressured into buying may kick themselves later on.

A combination of the Budget on March 20 and the fiscal year-end on April 5 has swelled the yearly ritual of "deadline selling". Sedgwicks Financial Services, part of the Sedgwicks insurance group. has wanted investors to look at their needs and objectives first before cushing into any

"A lot of people are encouraging a lemming-like any financial frenzy, says Mr David Mr Blundell.

lavestors have been warned Blundell, marketing director not to part with their money of the company's personal financial management division. "Quite a few people will be buying because of a deadline even though it may not always suit their cir-

Personal Equity Plans, **Business Expansion Schemes** and free-standing Additional Voluntary Contributions are frequently sold on the back of a specific deadline. Investors may also be urged to contract out of Serps Earnings Related Pension – before April 5, or Scheme take out life assurance before a change in legislation.

"Forceful deadline selling does not serve the interests of any financial institution,"says

## PORTFOLIO

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 21).

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#### favour the idea of grading unit trusts by degree of risk, as recommended by the Securities and Investment Board Mr Parsons said he had not really thought about it: "I am very new to this work," he

THE TIMES EXIDAY MAKE HIZ EVOL.

Tony Hetherington investigates

the selling of accident cover

through a mailshot scheme which demands that winners of prizes

sign a direct debit before they

can claim their cash prize

The watchdog Assocation of British Insurers is to investigate the sales methods of Hospital Plan Insurance Services, a firm of intermediaries which promotes an accident insurance scheme through mailshots offering cash prizes.

Hospital Plan, which is based in Baker Street in central London, regularly issues thousands of "winners recipient that a lucky number was entered in a draw without their knowledge, and that they have won a prize of between £5 and £60,000.

To discover how much, and to claim the prize, the recipient must sign a form asking to inspect a policy from the New Hampshire Insurance Com-

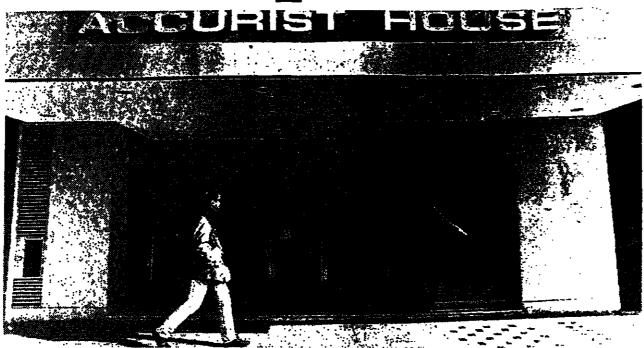
against serious accidental injury such as the loss of a limb, or one's eyesight.

In addition, the recipient must also complete a direct debit form for payment of premiums of between £3.95 and £14.50 per month.

According to ABI officials, the organization's code of conduct for the selling of insurance says that prospeccertificates" which inform the tive customers should be able to inspect the policy terms before paying any premium. Hospital Plan claims it

complies with this rule by not cashing the direct debit until after the policy has been sent to the client, who then has a short period within which to decide whether to cancel.

But a complainant in Salis-



Prizes galore: Accurist House, in Baker Street, central London, the headquarters of Hospital Plan Insurance Services

bank by Hospital Plan.

"As there was a guaranteed happened was that the prize, prize of at least £5, it seemed which was £5, arrived one day worth taking a few minutes to and I cancelled the direct debit pany, which provides cover bury, Wiltshire, says that in fill out the direct debit, which the following day. Too late!

practice, if winners wait until could then be cancelled as they receive their prize, the soon as the prize cheque debit form will be sent to their arrived," he said.

When my bank statement not issue the policy details arrived, £3.95 had already with the initial letter offering a been extracted. Hospital Plan cash prize because they would

on the deal."

Hospital Plan says it does sheets setting out the terms,"

presumably believes people take up too much space. "If we won't cause a fuss because sent out policy details with the they are still at least £1.05 up prize letter, the poor reader

would have to study four

genuine, and that winners company's sales methods, could claim their prize without having to complete the direct debit form. "If anyone wants the prize without the insurance policy, he need only alter the form to this effect,"

he said.

However, Mr Ted Carter, a prize winner in Newbury, he knew nothing about the Berkshire, refutes this. He re-pre-printed letter issued to turned his prize claim form, agreeing to inspect the policy, but did not complete the direct debit for payment of premiums. He then received a pre-printed letter signed by Mr Brett emphasising the need for the direct debit to be completed.

"Kindly post the suitably completed form in the replypaid envelope," said the letter. After the expiry date, not only will we send you the cash prize that your number has won, but more importantly, by return of post, you will also have the opportunity to examine without commitment or obligation a most worthwhile and welcome way to protect yourself against the real risks

Mr Carter, who is supplying the Association of British Insurers with copies of his

said Mr Paul Brett, a Hospital
Plan director. He added that
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the prize draw was perfectly takes "a very dam view" of the

"Their letter makes it ouite clear that the signing of the debit part of the form is a prerequisite for those who wish to claim the prize," he said.

Mr Paul Brett's brother, Mr Ernie Brett, who is also a director of Hospital Plan, said people who attempted to claim a prize without completing the direct debit. A cheque for £5 would be sent to Mr Carter, he said.

Mr Malcolm Tarling, an ABI spokesman, said be would be contacting New Hampshire Insurance to discuss the methods used by Hospital Plan to promote the company's accident cover.

He said: "It is not reasonable to expect anybody to enter into a contract without knowing what they are getting into. To ask anyone to sign anything without first providing them with information regarding the contract is strange, and for an insurance company to accept someone on risk without having a proposal form, again, is unusual. It is unlike anything I have come across.

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# Foreign currency home loans are only for the brave

rates may encourage home-favourable exchange rates to owners to consider foreign reduce the size of the loan. currency mortgages which promise lower interest rates.
But early savings can quickly loan avoided the risk of turn into horrific losses — as locking into a single currency

disaster. A multiple currency loan which allows home-owners to play the money markets is a better bet, but is only really of use to those who can afford to take a loss.

Robert Fraser, the banking and finance group, runs a multiple currency mortgage ment charge of 0.5 per cent for clients with £50,000 or and an arrangement fee of more to spare. Switching between currencies can slash the cost of interest payments, provided the timing is right. Over five years, a perfect portfolio would have saved £17,665 in interest on a £100,000 mortgage, and re-

duced the debt by £33,000. The Daniels Group, a London broker, has launched a managed currency mortgage for loans of at least £175,000. The funds for the loan, available over 25 years, are managed in a number of currencies

to keep the interest rate as low

The latest surge in interest as possible and hopefully use

Mr Rupert Kindersley, a director, said the managed loan avoided the risk of many investors have found to
their cost.

- including mortgages linked to the European Community Locking into a single foreign Unit. "It is a popular mis-currency can be a recipe for conception that an ECUbased mortgage reduces the risk because of the spread of currencies. This is entirely incorrect as ECU movements are similar to that of a single denomination currency."

Interest charges are raised monthly, there is a management charge of 0.5 per cent * * *

In the worst scenario, investors face heavy losses on two fronts. Rising interest rates in the country concerned take some of the shine off the 12 3. foreign currency loan, while currency fluctuations can increase the size of the mortgage dramatically.

One solution is to switch back into sterling if the loan increases by 10 per cent of the property value because of adverse currency movements. This would limit the loss, but still leave borrowers worse off.

## BRIEFINGS

■ One in three married couples could miss out on the chance to save hundreds of pounds this tax year, according to Gallup. The poll, carried out for Pannell Kerr Forster, the accountant, showed 28 per cent of married people knew nothing about the arrival of independent taxation. One in five married people

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expected to pay more tax because of the change.

Thinking About Money is a new leaflet from Help the Aged, designed to help elderly people manage their money in a practical way. The leaflet, sponsored by Barclays Bank, has some tips on budgeting along with advice on credit, debt and savings. It is free of charge from Help The Aged Citizen's Advice Bureaux and nublic libraries. The arrival of twins may

no longer be an expensive surprise: Eagle Star promises "cash on delivery" to hopeful parents. The Twins policy will pay out up to £2,000 tax-free in the event of a multiple birth. Premiums start at £25 and must be paid at least six months before the expected date of birth.

Baker Tilly has published two tax planning updates for couples. One looks at capital gains, inheritance and income tax, the other at taxation of company cars, wife's earnings, payments to charities and BES investments.

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# burden on home cover

Homeowners could be paying too much for their buildings and contents insurance from building societies if their policy is debited monthly along with their mortgage.

Both the Halifax and the Bradford & Bingley have confirmed they charge interest on home and contents insurance at approaching 32 per cent. This figure is reached by combining the current average mortgage rate of 15.4 per cent plus an Annual Percentage Rate (APR) of about 16.7per

So a homeowner would find himself paying interest at 15.4 per cent on his total monthly mortgage and household insurance outlay. He would also have the added burden of paying an APR on his

According to Mr John Brownhill, chairman of Brownhill, Morris and West, a London insurance broker, the result is that the public can face premiums of up to £1200 per year which are "double what they should be paying."

Mr Brownhill is concerned that there are thousands of people in this situation. He said: "We see this sort of thing all the time and I think it's quite scandalous. It's fine

if the public is aware of this but very often, they're not. These people are merely money lenders but they're selling policies which are grossly inflated."

··· and even greater dangers, to the homeowner on the way MORTGAGE

together with your mortgage but with so many people in mortgage arrears, inflated policies are simply adding to the problem.

The British Insurance and Investment Broker's Association (BIIBA) has urged all consumers to tread warily when taking up buildings and contents insurance with building societies.

A spokesman explained: "Most building societies offer borrowers, a variety of alternative ways of spreading the cost of household insurance over the year.

"They also provide a further alternative which is to added. add the premium to the He added: "It might seem monthly mortgage payment," Building Societies Association does have the option of easier to pay your insurance he added. "BIBA strongly had little consolation for wor- off in one lump sum."

avoid this option which is extremely expensive, especially in the current atmosphere of high interest

"We paid out the premiums like a lamb," explained one disgruntled customer of the Bradford & Bingley.

"But when I saw how much the premiums were rising after every year, I became very concerned. We were paying about £1200. I realise it was partly our negligence for not looking into the matter but we were just unaware of the exact nature of the policy," he

But a spokesman for the Building Societies Association

recommends the public to ried customers. "We have nothing to say on this matter. It's up to the individual building societies concerned."

The Bradford & Bingley was quick to deny this practice is causing unnecessary distress to a public already preoccu-pied with paying record mort-

"As far as we are concerned.

charging interest on home insurance is a widespread practice among building societies," said Mr Tony James, Bradford & Bingley's home insurance marketing manager. 'We are by no means alone on this. The choice is entirely the customer's as to how he pays off his insurance. After all, he does have the option of paying

# by post

With more than 1,300 unit trusts on the market, independent salesmen who are supposed to survey them all before ending any should be eager for

Or so Mr Alan Kelly, the managing director of Grant Thornton Personal Financial Planning, would seem to think.

He recently sent invitations to 18,000 financial advisers to subscribe £1,950 a year for his Unitrends unit trust handbook, with recommendations for 100

Mr Kelly makes much of his close relationship with fund managers, asking in his promotional material: "Why do the fund managers agree to bare their souls to me? . . . because we have invested so much money for clients that managers know we are big potential business procedures. "I try to assess the manager's philosophy. I have to be confident that even if a unit trust has performed well in the past, it will continue to do so in

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could be that those results were achieved by another fund manager altogether," he

Of three fund managers named in the handbook approached at random, one recalled meeting Mr Kelly over a number of years and expressed respect for his

thorough questioning.

The second recalled meeting him over lunch, but denied that he had been seen

as a big business producer.
"Nobody is these days. "We will see anybody for an hour or so, provided they are from a respectable house and if it's not too often," he said.

The third manager, Mr David Felder of Kleinwort Benson Gilt Yield Trast, said that he had not met Mr Kelly: "Perhaps he has not got round to me Mr Kelly said that he relies on

nuaires as well as personal interviews and had received a completed form from Kleinwort Benson.

His handbook comment on Mr Felder "Anyone can look at statistics, but it was: "A fund manager has considerable

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interest managers and dealers. "I don't think you could say any less of any fund

manager in the City," said Mr Felder.
Although Mr Kelly stresses that: "It is simply not enough to rely on the funds' own publicity machines," he delivers a number of blandly glowing opinions, ranging from "manager clearly has exceptional ability" to "appears to have exceptional ability" while "considerable ability" seems to be slightly lower down the scale.

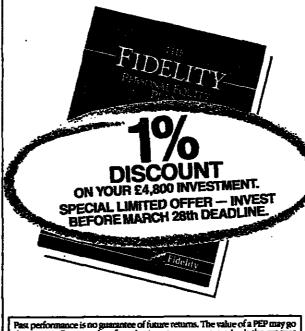
But brokers who pay up for the Grant Thornton service will not be receiving the full story, according to Mr Kelly. He explains that because of the

confidential and sensitive nature of much of the information he acquires at meetings and discussions with fund managers, "it would often not be ju-dicious to state everything in writing." Still, he says that the information is reflected in his recommendations.

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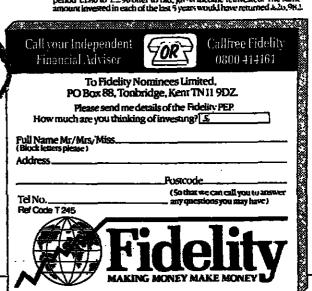
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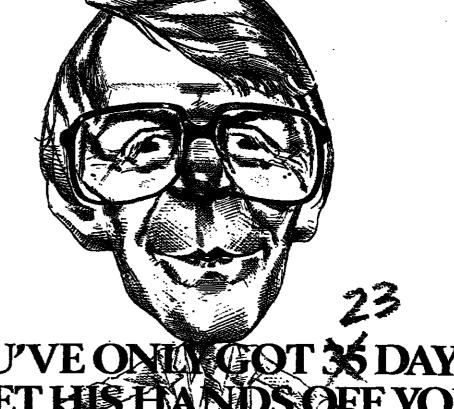
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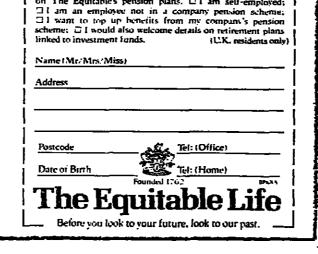
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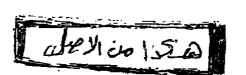
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Year ended	M&G	BUILDING
31 DECEMBER	RECOVERY	SOCIETY
23 May '69	£1,000	£1,000
1970	£1,200	£1,138
1975	£2,896	£1,816
1980	£12,144	£3,192
1985	£33,848	£5,693
<b>29 DEC '89</b>	£93,384	£8,652*

NOTES All figures include reinvested gross income. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics), M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Recovery Fund on 31st December 1984 would have grown to £3,314 by 29th December 1989. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. *Estimated.

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May 1964, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G Dividend	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	£1,000	£1,000
1965	£1,112	£1,106
1970	£1,606	£1,606
1975	£3,460	£2,562
1980	£7,806	£4,504
1985	£30,030	£8,031
29 DEC '89	£71,424	£12,206*

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# M&G SECOND GENERAL

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Second General Fund on 5th June 1956, with gross income remisested.

Year ended	M&G	BUILDING			
31 DECEMBER	SECOND	SOCIETY			
5 June '56	£1,000	£1,000			
1960	£2,102	£1,298			
1965	£3,617	£1,742			
1970	£5,865	£2,529			
1975	£10,748	£4,036			
1980	£28,516	£7,095			
1985	£84,920	£12,652			
<b>29 DEC '89</b>	£178,098	£19,228*			

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Extra Yield Fund on 19th November 1973, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended	M&G	Building
31 DECEMBER	EXTRA YELD	Society
19 Nov '73	£1,000	£1,000
1975	£1,360	£1,250
1980	£2,954	£2,198
1985	£10,032	£3,919
<b>29 DEC '89</b>	£25,276	£5,956*

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Smaller Companies Fund on 27th September 1967, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended	M&G	BUILDING	
31 DECEMBER	SMALLER COMPANIES	SOCIETY	
27 Sept '67	£1,000	£1,000	
1970	£1,402	£1,289	
1975	£2,094	£2,056	
1980	£7,818	£3,614	
1985	£19,860	£6,445	
<b>29 DEC '89</b>	£45,824	£9,795*	

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# M&G MIDLAND & GENERAL

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**COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE.** Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Midland & General Fund on 19th June 1956, with gross income reinvested.

Year ended	M&G	BUILDING
31 DECEMBER	MIDLAND	SOCIETY
19 June '56	£1,000	£1,000
1960	£2,244	£1,292
1965	£3,645	£1,734
1970	£5,308	£2,518
1975	£9,855	£4,018
1980	£22,221	£7,063
1985	£91,442	£12,595
<b>29 DEC '89</b>	£246,930	£19,141*

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## PRICES AND YIELDS

On 29th December 1989 the offered prices and estimated

	Acc. Units	Yield	Spread	Max Spread
Recovery	959.9p	4.33%	5.44%	7.50%
Dividend	2265.5p	5.24%	5.44%	7.06%
Second	2369.7p	3.91%	5.66%	7.68%
Extra Yield	951.2p	5.35%	5.44%	7.05%
†Smaller Companies	1971.5p	3.47%	5.44%	8.97%
Midland	2958.8p	4.73%	5.44%	8.04%
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## **CHARGES**

There are no extra charges for an M&G PEP. All costs are absorbed within the normal charges of the unit trusts. The management charges on M&G unit trusts are a maximum of 5 per cent initially and 1 per cent annually. The management charges may only be increased with the consent of unitholders.

The Managers' annual charge, Trustee's fees currently 0.05% (in the case of Second General 0.05% on the first £20 million and 0.04% thereafter) (plus VAT) and Registrars' fees currently 0.08% (plus VAT) based on the Fund's mid-market value are deducted from gross income pro-rata on the first day of each Stock Exchange Account. The Managers' annual charge is 1% except for Dividend and Extra Yield which is ¾% (which may increase to 1% upon three months notice to unitholders).

## STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Twice each year we will send you a statement of

your account made up to 5 April and 5 October. This will show the transactions on your account during, and the number of units held and their value at the end of, each period.

We shall also send you regular Managers' reports on the unit trust in which you are building up your investment. These give a commentary on the progress of the trust, set out the full portfolio of shares, and give the accounts of the trust.

## **HOW CAN I WITHDRAW MY MONEY**

When you wish to sell your holding, or part of it, you have only to write to M&G Financial Services Limited, Planned Savings Department, M&G House, Victoria Road, Cheimsford CMI IFB. We will then send you a cheque for the full bid value of the units you are cashing in, normally within a few days. Only written instructions will be accepted.

In due course we shall have available a system of regular automatic payments into your bank account.

## CHOOSING YOUR UNIT TRUST

Because of the investment regulations governing unit trust PEPs, the choice of M&G funds available for our PEP has been restricted to six funds investing predominantly in UK ordinary shares. These funds offer a choice between high-yielding income funds, lower yielding capital growth funds and funds aiming for a balance between income and growth. All six funds have impressive performance records.

Each fund is managed by M&G Securities Limited,

M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CMI IFB, from whom full scheme particulars and the most recent annual and half-yearly reports are available on request. Prices and yields of the funds are published every day in the Financial Times. Prices are also quoted in the Daily Telegraph, Times, Independent and Guardian.

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Investors should remember that past performance
does not guarantee future growth.

You should also remember that the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up; you may not get back the amount you invested.

You should bear in mind that the tax regime of PEPs could change in the future.

## **CHANGING YOUR INVESTMENT**

When you start your PEP, the whole of your contribution will buy units in the fund you choose. In the second and in each subsequent year you can choose a different fund from the list of those eligible, thus building up a portfolio of funds. In due course you will also be able to switch between funds.

## **HOW TO START A PLAN**

Please read the notes and complete and return the application form together with your cheque. We will write to acknowledge receipt of your application, setting out the number of units acquired and their price, and enclosing the most recent half-yearly report of the fund you have chosen.

THE M&G UNIT TRUST PERSONAL EQUITY PLAN

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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(1) "Business Day" means a day on which the Managers of an M&G Unit Trust make a price for the purchase and sale of Units.

"Conditions" means these Terms and Conditions together with the application form as from time to time amended in accordance with the

"Crown Employee" means a person holding an office or employment under the Crown which is of a public nature and the emoluments of which are payable out of the public revenue of the United Kingdom or of Northern Ireland

"MIRO" means the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation

·*M&G Company" means M&G Financial Services Limited and any other company which is a subsidiary or holding company of it or which is a subsidiary of any such holding company for which purpose the expressions "subsidiary" and "holding company" have the same meanings as in section 736 of the Companies Act 1985.

"Nominee" means any person designated by the Plan Manager under Condition 9 and who may be an Associate of the Plan Manager. "Ordinary Shares" means ordinary shares, not being shares in an investment trust, issued by a company which is incorporated in the United Kingdom and quoted on the official list of a recognised Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom or dealt in on the Unisted Securities

"PEP Unit Trust" before 6th April 1990 means a Unit Trust and on and after 6th April 1990 means a Unit Trust in respect of which at least 75% m value of the investments (for the purposes of the Treasury Regulations) subject to the trusts thereof are investments which can be counted towards satisfaction of any statutory test for determining whether units in the Unit Trust will be qualifying investments for the purpose of the Treasury Regulations and for this purpose

(a) it shall be assumed that the Units are held in a Personal Equity Plan into which the Planholder has contributed one half of the Subscription limit under the Treasury Regulations, and

(b) anvestments which are units in a Unit Trust or shares in an investment trust (as defined in the Treasury Regulations) shall be counted to the extent that the investments held in the Unit Trust or investment trust could be so counted if held directly by the

"Plan" means a Personal Equity Plan effected under these Conditions by a Opalitype individual. "Planholder" means an individual who has opened a Plan under these Conditions.

"Plan Manager" means M&G Financial Services Limited.

"Qualifying Individual" means an individual, aged 18 years or over, who has not (subject to the exception prescribed by the 1989 Treasury Regulations as regards rights issues) subscribed to any other Personal Equity Plan for the Year or any of the Years for or in respect of which he makes an application to open a Plan under these Conditions, and who is either resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or, although non-resident in the United Kingdom, performs duties as a Crown Employee which are treated as being performed in the United

"1989 Treasury Regulations" means the regulations for Personal Equity Plans made on 14th March 1989 and any other regulations made from time to time by HJM. Treasury under the provisions of s. 333 and Schedule 29 to the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and s. 149 D of the Capstal Gains Tax Act 1979.

"Units" means Units in a Unit Trust held in a Plan and any fractions or decimals thereof (to the nearest one hundredth of a Unit above). "Unit Trust" means a unit trust scheme which is an authorised securities scheme as defined in the Authorised Unit Trust Scheme (Investment and Borrowing Powers) Regulations 1988 the manager of which is an M&G company in the case of which an order under Section 78 of the Financial Services Act 1986 is in force.

"Year" means a year beginning on 6th April in any year and ending with 5th April in the following year.

References to any statutory provision or to regulations made ereunder include any modification or re-enactment thereof. References to gender shall be taken to refer to either gender.

Headings are included for the purpose of guidance and are not part of

The application form shall be treated as part of these Conditions and in case of conflict shall have precedence. 2 INTRODUCTION

(1) The Plan Manager is a member of MRO and as such is regulated by MRO

n the conduct of its investment Busines The Plan Manager agrees to act as such in relation to all Plans covered

e Plan Manager will from time to time make Units (whether income

Units or Accumulation Units) in Unit Trusts available for the purposes of Plans effected under these Conditions. Subject to these Conditions the investment objective of the Planholder shall be taken to be to invest in the M&G Unit Trust indicated by the

Planholder in his application form. 3 APPLICATIONS TO OPEN A PLAN

(1) This Condition applies to applications to open a Plan made under the 1989 Treasury Regulations. In order to open a Plan, an individual must be a Qualifying Individual and must submit to the Plan Manager a duly completed application form and must sign the declaration set out in the form. The Applicant must also submit a cheque for an amount not in excess of the maximum permitted by law for that particular Year.

(2) The Plan comes into force when the Planholder's application for the Plan has been accepted by the Plan Manager.

(3) For this purpose the application will be treated as having been accepted (a) If the Plan Manager does not postpone acceptance of the application under any regulatory provision,

(i) on receipt by the Plan Manager of a duly completed application form together with a cheque in respect of the cash subscription if they are received first post OR

(ii) on the day following receipt by the Plan Manager of a duly completed application form together with a cheque in respect of the cash subscription if they are received second post, and

(b) if the Plan Manager sends a notice to the applicant that he intends to accept the application not earlier than any specified day following posting of the notice, on that specified day.

(4) Unless the Applicant indicates otherwise in his application form, the form will be taken to authorise contributions to be made to the Plan for each Year beginning in the Year in which the application is made unless and until either the Planholder or the Plan Manager notifies the other in writing to the contrary. The Plan will be governed by these Conditions, as varied in accordance with Condition 14 below.

4 CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Except as permitted by law a Planholder may contribute to only one Personal Equity Plan each Year,

12) A total of not more than the maximum permitted by law for a particular Year can be contributed to a Plan during that Year.

Contributions must be of an amount of the Planholder's cash paid

directly to the Plan Manager.

(4) If at any time a Planholder ceases to be a Qualifying Individual he shall not thereafter make any contributions to a Plan.

5 CHOICE OF UNIT TRUST

(1) Subject to this Condition, the Planholder's contributions will be applied by the Plan Manager in the purchase of Units of the Unit Trust which the nholder has selected in his application form.

With effect from a date to be determined by the Plan Manager and notified to Planholders, the Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager (of a length to be determined by the Plan Manager in its notice) direct that future contributions to the Plan shall be applied by the Plan anager in the purchase of Units other than the Units specified in the

(3) From a date to be determined by the Plan Manager and notified to Planholders the Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager (of a length to be determined by the Plan Manager in its notice) direct that Units in the Plan should be sold and the proceeds of sale applied in the ourchase of other Units.

(4) This Condition does not apply to the application of any contribution if, at the time the ourclasse is to be made, the Unit Trust is not a PEP Unit Trust. In these circumstances Units in the M&G Dividend Fund or the M&G Midland & General Fund will be purchased as described in Condition

**6 INVESTMENT** 

(1) The following, namely

(a) contributions received from Planholders: (b) tax repayments received in respect of the Units:

(c) the proceeds of sale of any Units:

(d) any income and distributions from Units and cash deposits held in

(e) any sums received on the termination (otherwise than by way of reconstruction or amalgamation) of a Unit Trust

will be credited to a sterling client account maintained by the Plan Manager with any authorised institution within the meaning of the Banking Act 1987 and will be applied by the Plan Manager. (i) writin ten days of being received and

(ii) at all times in accordance with the 1989 Treasury Regulations but (iii) not unless Condition 6 (2) and (3) permit the purchase of Units or further Units in a PEP Unit Trust.

in the purchase of Units or further Units in accordance with the following

(2) The Plan Manager will apply all such amounts in the purchase of Units selected by the Planholder in accordance with Condition 5 above, so long as the Unit Trust in which the investment is to be made continues to be a PEP Unit Trust. If at any time the Unit Trust ceases to be a PEP Unit Trust, the Plan Manager will apply all such amounts in the purchase of rulation Units in the M&G Dividend Fund provided that it is a PEP Unit Trust at the time when the purchase is to be made, but it is not then a PEP Unit Trust, in the purchase of Accumulation Units in the

M&G Midland & General Fund provided that it is then a PEP Unit Trust. If at any time a Plan includes Units in a Unit Trust which is not a PEP Unit Trust, the Units will be sold and the proceeds dealt with in accordance with Condition 6 (1) and (2) above.

(4) All purchases and sales of Units will be made by the Plan Manager at the applicable offer price or bid price of the particular Unit Trust.

7 TAX REPRYMENTS

The Plan Manager will make all necessary claims for repayment of tax relating to the Units in accordance with the Treasury Regulations. (1) The Planholder will at all times be the beneficial owner of the Units and of

any rights and cash sums from time to time held in the Plan. Without prejudice to the generality of (I) above, the Planholder will not dispose of or transfer any interest in such Units or any such cash sums, and will not create (or have outstanding) any charge or security on or over any such Units or any such cash sums.

(1) Units will be registered in the name of the Plan Manager or, if the Plan Manager so designates, in the name of a Nominee.

(2) The Planholder hereby authorises the Plan Manager to issue all such directions and instructions to any Nominee as the Plan Manager considers appropriate for the discharge of the Plan Manager's responsibilities under these Conditions and accepts that the Plan Manager will not be responsible for the defaults of the Nominee.

All documents of or evidencing title in respect of the Units and any cash will be held by or to the order of the Plan Manager.

(4) Units may not be lent to any third party and no borrowing may be made against the security of Units.

10 PLANHOLDER'S RIGHTS

The Plan Manager will arrange for the Planholder to be sent the annual accounts of the Unit Trust or each Unit Trust, Units in which are held in the Plan, together with the reports issued by the Managers of each Unit Tryst. 11 VOTING RIGHTS ATTACHING TO UNITS AND ADDITIONAL

(1) The Planholder may by an appropriate indication in the space provided in the application form elect:

(a) to attend meetings of Unitholders of the Unit Trust, Units in which

are held in the Plan, and (b) to exercise voting rights attaching to such Units, and

(c) to receive any information issued to Unitholders in addition to the documents referred to in Condition 10 above

until the election is withdrawn by written notice given by the Planholder

(2) Notwithstanding (i) above, the Planholder may on giving one month's prior written notice to the Plan Manager elect to exercise the rights and receive the additional information referred to therein until the election is withdrawn by written notice given by the Planholder to the Plan Manager.

(1) The Period of Account for the purposes of this Condition will be the six months ending on 5th October and 5th April in every Year, and for each such period in which he is required to do so by the rules of MIRO the Plan Manager will send to the Planholder a Plan Statement prepared by reference to the last day in that period. The first Period of Account shall commence when the first contribution is made and will end on the commencement of the next complete Period of Account.

(2) The Plan Statement will include all the information which the Plan Manager is required to give by the 1989 Treasury Regulations and the

(3) In relation to the purchase or disposal of Units the Plan Statement will include all the information which the Plan Manager would have had to include in contract notes under the IMRO Rules had contract notes been sent to the Planholder under the IMRO Rules.

(4) The Plan Manager will, if the Planholder requests it to do so give sight of, and supply to the Planholder copies of, all entries in its books relating to

13 INFORMATION FOR PLAN MANAGER

(1) The Planholder will supply the Plan Manager with all information which the Plan Manager reasonably requests for the purposes of the Plan, and in particular will promptly inform the Plan Manager of any change in his

(2) The Planholder will immediately inform the Plan Manager in writing if he ceases to be resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, or if, whilst non-resident, he ceases to perform duties as a Crown Employee.

14 VARIATIONS AND AMENDMENTS The Plan Manager may at any time and from time to time by written notice to the Planholder make such changes in and to these Conditions as it shall

determine provided that no such change shall be made which results in the Plan ceasing to qualify under the 1989 Treasury Regulations, and any such changes will be notified to Planholders in such manner as the Plan Manager considers appropriate. 15 GOVERNING LAW

These Conditions and the relationship between the Plan Manager and the Planholder shall be governed by English law.

The Planholder hereby agrees for himself and his personal representatives to indemnify the Plan Manager and the Nominee and at all times to keep the Plan Manager and the Nominee indemnified in respect of all liabilities taxes costs charges and expenses incurred by the Plan Manager and the Nominee (except where caused by their own negligence) in connection with the establishment istration and termination of the Plan and any investment or deposit

17 TERMINATION, WITHDRAWALS AND OTHER MATTERS

(1) Subject to this Condition, the Plan Manager may at any time and at its discretion make a written request to the Planholder to select Units in er Unit Trost for the ourposes of his Plan and for the ourpos Condition 5 above the Planholder shall be assumed to have selected such Units in his application form, if within seven days of having made such a request or such longer period as the request shall specify and if the request shall propose termination under this Condition, the Plan Manager has not received a written selection of other Units from the Planholder, the Plan will terminate automatically.

(2) A Plan may be terminated with immediate effect by the Plan Manager giving written notice of termination to the Planholder if it becomes impossible to comply with the 1989 Treasury Regulations, and the Plan will terminate automatically with immediate effect if it becomes void under the 1989 Treasury Regulations.

(3) A Planholder may at any time by written request to the Plan Manager and

without prejudice to (2) above direct the Plan Manager:

(a) to pay or transfer to him all or any of the Units comprised in the Plan (or the proceeds of sale thereof) and the whole or part of any cash balance and any other rights held in the Plan or

(b) within such time as shall be agreed between the Planholder and the Plan Manager to transfer the Plan to another plan manager who fulfils the conditions in the 1989 Treasury Regulations, is approved by the Board of Inland Revenue to act as a plan manager, and agrees to accent the transfer.

(4) Subject to (3) above, termination shall take place immediately but without prejudice to the completion of transactions already

(5) The Plan Manager will give reasonable written notice to the Planholder of his intention to cease to act as a Plan Manager stating when he will cease to act so that the Planholder can give a direction under (3) above. If after the Plan Manager gives the Planholder notice under this Condition the Planholder fails to give the Plan Manager a direction under Condition 17(3) above before the Plan Manager ceases to act as such, the Plan will

(6) Where the Plan terminates pursuant to (2) above or any such direction is given as is memboned in (3) above and, unless the Planholder specifies otherwise and within such time as the Plan Manager specifies, the Plan Manager will sell or realise the Units (or in a case to which (3)(a) of this Condition applies the Units in respect of which the direction has been given) and will pay or transfer the proceeds of sale and any cash balance and any other rights, as appropriate, to the Planholder or to the new plan

(7) Notwithstanding (2) and (3) above, the Plan Manager may deduct from the amount of any such payment or transfer: (a) any sums due to the Plan Manager pursuant to these Conditions

(b) except where the Plan is being transferred to another plan manager a sum determined by the Plan Manager to represent the tax liabilities of the Planholder or those of his personal representatives in connection with the Plan for which the Plan Manager is or may be accountable under the 1989 Treasury

Notwithstanding that a Plan has been terminated in whole or in part or that a direction has been given to transfer the Plan to another plan manager, these Conditions shall apply until all outstanding transactions and liabilities have been performed and discharged.

The Plan shall terminate automatically on the Planholder's death.

Notwithstanding (1) above and subject to (3) below, the authority of the Plan Manager and the Nominee (if any) will not be affected by the death of the Planholder and accordingly these Conditions shall be binding on the Planholder's personal representatives.

(3) Subject to such formalities as the Plan Manager may specify, it shall pay or transfer the Units and any cash balance to or to the order of the Planhokier's personal representat

(4) Condition 17(6) and (7) shall apply to any payment made under (3)

(1) The Manager (which is an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) of Unit Trusts in which the Plan invests contributions, will receive the Initial Charge included in the offer once of Units acquired for the Plan, and the annual management charges of Unit Trusts. Units in which are held in the Plan and any other expenses and charges which are permitted to be paid to the Manager of the Unit Trust out of the property of the Unit Trust.

The Manager of the Unit Trust referred to in (1) above will at the appropriate times pay the Plan Manager sums equivalent to the Initial Charge and the annual management fee attributable to

The Plan Manager will out of such sums make any payments to M&G Investment Management Limited (which is an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) in respect of investment management relating to Units held in the Plan which would otherwise have been paid by the Manager of the Unit Trusts.

Subject as provided in (1) and (2) above, the Plan Manager will not make or receive any charges in connection with the opening, administration or termination of the Plan. 20 TREASURY REGULATIONS

The Plan Manager will notify the Planholder if by reason of any feature to satisfy the provisions of the 1989 Treasury Regulations the Plan has or will become

21 NOTICES OR REQUESTS

Notices or requests made by the Planholder to the Plan Manager shall be in writing and will be acknowledged by the Plan Manager in writing or by

22 COMPLAINTS The Plan Manager operates a written complaints procedure in accordance with the MRO Rules. The Planholder may address a complaint to the Plan

In the event that the Plan Manager is not able to meet its financial liabilities to the Planholder, the Planholder will be entitled to compensation under the

investors' Compensation Scheme established under the Financial Services

24 THE FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT The Financial Services (Cancellation) Rules 1989 do not apply to these

## NOTES TO HELP YOU IN COMPLETING THE **M&G UNIT TRUST PEP APPLICATION FORM**

Note 1 Please give your daytime telephone number so that if a query arises in relation to your form we can contact you at once and speed up the processing of your application. No salesmen will call. Note 2 National Insurance Number (NiNO). If you are a married woman you should supply your own NINO and if you know them, your own tax district and reference number. You should NOT supply those of your husband. An applicant who cannot supply a NINO may obtain one from the DSS using either form CF8 if a NINO is required for the first time or form CF88 if the NINO issued has been lost or cannot be remembered. These forms can only be obtained from DSS offices. A National Pension Number, where applicable, is an acceptable alternative if you are unable to provide a NINO. A National Health Number is NOT acceptable.

Note 3 The application form is designed to allow you to contribute to your M&G PEP tax year after tax year without having to complete a new application form. In the case of a form such as this which allows for contributions to be made year after year it is necessary to include these continuing declarations. You can stop contributing to your M&G PEP at any time. If you delete the wording in the form where indicated then your M&G PEP will not automatically continue in the subsequent tax year and these declarations will only apply to the period ending 5th April 1990. If you subsequently wish to contribute to your M&G PEP in future tax years, you will need to complete a new application form.

Note 4 Your M&G PEP is invested in Accumulation units. Certificates are not issued in respect of the M&G PEP. Details of your investment will be shown in the acknowledgement which will be sent to you once your application has been accepted. It is therefore important that you retain the acknowledgement for your records. Please also retain the Terms and Conditions set out above. Correctly completed application forms and cheques must be received at our Chelmsford Office by first post on 5th April 1990 to qualify for the 1989/90 tax year. Applications

# LITERATURE

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received on this form after that time will be returned.

Please send me a free copy of the M&G Year Book.

SURWAME **ADDRESS** POSTCODE **ECGJ** 

To: M&G Financial Services Limited, Planned Savings Department, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Reg. Office: Registered in England No. 923891 **BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE** REGISTRATION DETAILS

Full Forenames Permanent Address

Daytime Telephone No: IMPORTANT: Your application cannot be accepted without your National Insurance Number or National Pension Number National Insurance No. National Pension No. Tax District

I wish to open an M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan for the tax year ending 5 April 1990.

I wish the Plan to continue for each subsequent tax year (delete this clause if your Plan is only for the year indicated above – see Note 3). Fund selected: (Circle one only of the following six funds)

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Reference No.

EXTRA YIELD

RECOVERY

SECOND GENERAL

SMALLER COMPANIES MIDLAND & GENERAL

No application can be accepted unless a fund is selected.

I understand that the maximum contribution is £2,400 in any tax year

(6 April to 5 April). I wish to contribute by cheque made payable to M&G Financial Services Limited, നക്താന £1,200, maximum £2,400

If you wish to attend and vote at Unitholder meetings and to receive additional information issued to Unitholders please tick this box.

I agree that the Personal Equity Plan opened by the Plan Manager pursuant to this Application, will be governed by the Terms and Conditions applicable to M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plans. I understand that a copy of the Terms and Conditions is available to me, and I agree to be bound by them in all respects.

(b) I am resident and ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes. (c) I have not applied to subscribe for and have not made payments to

any other Personal Equity Plan in or for the current tax year nor for any subsequent tax year. (See Note 3). (d) I will not subscribe to any Personal Equity Plan for any tax year for which I subscribe or shall subscribe to this Plan. (See Note 3).

Lagree to inform M&G Financial Services Limited promptly of any change in my circumstances which affects any of this information.

respect of them in the Personal Equity Plan;

such investments held in the Plan.

(a) I am aged 18 years or over.

I hereby authorise M&G Financial Services Limited: (a) to hold my cash subscriptions and the Plan investments, distributions, interest, cash and other rights or proceeds received in

(b) to make all appropriate claims for tax relief in respect of plan investments on my behalf; (c) on my written request to transfer or pay to me any Plan investments, interest, cash, distributions, rights or other proceeds in respect of

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is true and correct.

Signature	Date
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This application is designed for individuals investing on their own behalf and is not for use by intermediaries. Your attention is drawn to the fact. that in entering into this contract with M&G you will not have any right to cancel the contract under the Financial Services (Cancellation) Rules 1989.

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THE M&G UNIT TRUST PERSONAL EQUITY PLAN

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# A growing business with Budget hopes

Even less successful unit trusts perform better than building

societies, Christine Stopp writes

nvestors putting £1,000 into the middle-performing UK general unit trust in January 1973, then selling the units 15 years later in January 1988, would have got £6,302 back. A later in January 1988, would ment on the performance of a have got £6,302 back. A building society, which would similar investment made in have returned £2,954 and January 1985 and redeemed in £3,543 over the two periods January this year would have returned £21,042.

something like the best and trusts compares favourably the worst figures in unit trust with that of a building society

The earlier of the two terms started at a high before the deepest plunge of the 1970s crash and ended just after the

The second started when the market was at the very bottom and ended after the damage of the 1987 crash had more than been repaired.



You may not be able to guarantee the return on a unit trust, but even the lower of the two UK general fund figures was still a significant improve-

anuary this year would have respectively.

Over the long term, even the income record for unit

Recent figures from the Unit Trust Association show that £1,000 invested in a building society in 1980 would have produced £114 income in the first year and £111 in the year to January 1990.

The average UK equity income trust would have paid distributions of £71 and £188 respectively in the same two

From 1983, the income from the unit trust was consistently greater than that from the society. In addition, the unit trust investment grew in capital value by almost 350 per cent.

The performance chart shows what the main geographical sectors have done during the 1980s, a period that produced a succession of dramatic returns, except in 1987

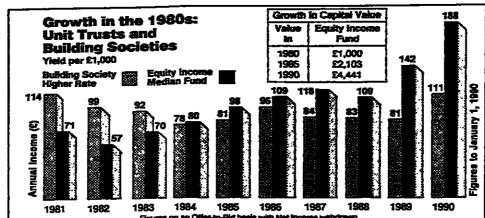
In the 1980s unit trusts also multiplied in number, from 459 at the start of 1980 to almost 1,400 now. The abolition of exchange controls at the end of 1979 made it much easier to invest overseas, and this produced a flood of trusts that invested in new markets.

The result is that investors today have an enormous range from which to choose, though, perversely, many people see this as a disadvantage, rather than an advantage.

Unit trust managers have boldly gone where nobody would have dreamt of investing even five years ago. Thai trusts are a recent

high-risk addition to specialist funds. And this decade looks likely to offer further way-out possibilities. Latin American and East European funds are already available for the institutional investor, and it cannot be long before the public are offered a direct link to the action. This represents the yuppie end of unit trust

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orphans there will also be new opportunities.

Cash funds are already offering an attractive, taxreclaimable investment for those rendered non-taxpavers by independent taxation. The Fidelity Cash Trust has recently been quoting yields of

PERFORMANCE IN THE 1980s (main sector averages, year-on-year sterage)

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investment. For widows and about 15 per cent. It is likely to ation for being at the risky end be imitated by many groups in

coming months. The long-awaited changes Ken Emery, points out, in to the unit trust investment and borrowing powers regulations are expected soon. These will permit wider use of financial futures in unit trust funds. Futures have a reput-

of investment but, as Save & Prosper's technical director,

Guaranteed products could be one result. These will invest a lrge proportion of the fund in a secure home, such as gilts. The rest will be used to achieve speculative growth using futures contracts. Funds like this have already proved popular offshore.

Another low-risk innovation will be mixed funds, the unit trust alternative to insurance-managed funds. Investment through insurance policies is losing more and more of its attraction through

the abolition of tax incentives. A dream in the industry, which may not be pie in the sky — is that unit trusts will take over the role of insurance vehicles as long-term savings

plans. Unit trust pensions and mortgages are already with us, and unit trusts offer better performance and much more flexibility than insurance policies designed for investment.
Independent taxation itself

may move investors more towards unit trusts. Mary Blair, Fidelity's product dev-elopment director, thinks people are only now waking up to what the new tax rules will mean.

She also sees the new regulatory climate as promising for unit trusts, as greater disclosure of costs and charges should make their attraction clear. Emphasis on a good track record for best advice purposes should be translated into greater public awareness of performance, and management groups should, in turn, be more businesslike about achieving growth.

areas are concern-ed. Fidelity thinks the Far East, including Japan, still offers the best long-term growth possibilities, though urope comes a close second.

The caveat, Ms Blair says, is that in the case of Europe "there must be some adjustment to the euphoria we've had". A new-style Europe "cannot all be smoothed out without some hiccups".

There are a number of unit trust issues on which the industry hopes to see changes in the Budget.

A bigger unit trust PEP (personal equity plan) limit



Mary Blair: better climate

would be welcomed, Mr Emery says, as well as clarification of the tax rules on the me of financial futures.

There is also concern that the taxation of UK unit truss s far as investment will make UK bond funds uncompetitive for European investors in other Community states. If something is not done about this UK companies could migrate to Luxemburg, where they would be better placed to do business

> A change in the composite rate tax rules - perhaps allowing building societies to pay without any deduction could restore the balance between unit trusts and the societies. Ms Blair simply hopes for a Budget to stime late investment: "If there is a year in which to encourage savers, this must be it."

# The spotlight is turned on Europe

easy to sell to investors more at home with building society accounts than stocks France and West Germany and shares. So when the walls started coming down across Eastern Europe, the opportunity was too good to miss.

its European Smaller Markets no plans to do so yet. unit trust in January. But although the trust was

nit trust companies will stick to tried and tested have never found it markets for the time being. Early investment will fayour The Netherlands, Spain,

markets the managers describe as underdeveloped, under-researched and undercapitalized. Smaller Markets is free to invest in the East Save & Prosper inaugurated European economies, but has

As an early indication, West Germany was likely to make launched in Berlin, amid new up about a quarter of the year celebrations and talk of a portfolio, followed by France reunified Germany, the trust with 22 per cent and Spain

How the Eastern Bloc revolution brought the emphasis nearer home

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1967-1985 results are offer to other, the rest offer to bid. No separate Japan Squres before 1985

stakes were likely in Belgium, Switzerland, Norway, Portugal, Denmark and Italy.

Julian Tregoning, director of unit trusts and PEPs, says Europe is likely to take over

with 19 per cent. The "Combine the European Netherlands would make up Community's single market about 10 per cent, and smaller approach with the recent dramatic events in Eastern Europe and the time must be right for investment in

Europe," he says. Chris Tracey, the investfrom Japan and the Far East as majority of smaller European panies out there which are well run, trading profitably and creating the right products for Europe," he says. "But 80 per cent of them remain totally unmonitored by European and UK investment houses and undervalued by the as yet inefficient European stock markets on which their shares are traded."

So far the message seems to have paid off. Savers invested ment director, says the vast £53 million with the trust during the launch period. Nearly 4,000 of the new investors were regular savers - something the unit trust industry is keen to encourage.

"Regular savings are important because no one can get their timing absolutely right," volatile, regular saving helps

Gartmore has launched a unit trust with Eastern Europe in mind. The Gartmore Euroventures Trust will invest in Western European companies looking for opportunities in the East. These companies will aim-

to expand into or link with emerging European economies such as Poland, East Germany and Czechosłovakia. The fund is also free to Brian O'Neill, who is

managing the fund, says there is a range of opportunities: "The democratization process in Eastern Europe has significant economic implications. Already some of the area's says Ken Emery, Save & economies are moving away Prosper's technical director. from state control to what we "Even if markets are a bit would regard as free-market, private-sector philosophies.



Julian Tregoning (left): new theme. Chris Tracey: good products

economies to acquire new external funding for capital investment programmes deinvest directly on a selective signed to overcome industrial Volkswagen, Siemens and and business inefficiencies. ranging from outdated factory plant to shortages of consumer goods. Much of the funding, capital investment and supply equipment and know-how will flow from the economies

of Western Europe." West German telecommunications companies fixed-price offer of 25p per would be an obvious choice to back as only 16 per cent of

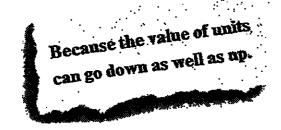
account for 35 per cent of a model portfolio, with invest-

Metaligesellschaft. Austria and Italy could account for 20 per cent each, while UK companies such as APV and Telfos might make up 10 per cent. There is even scope for American giants such as General Electric. Euroventures is on a special

ment in such companies as

unit. There is a 1 per cent discount on applications until Jon Ashworth

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**UNIT TRUSTS/2** 

Helen Pridham finds prosperity and revolution have put Europe ahead



arket in the money; continuing prosperity in West Germany has beliped keep the European sector unit trusts in invost

# Right sector, right time

ories on choosfew recipes for SUCCESS Work as well as being in the right market or the right sector at the right time. Hindsight over one year and

five years shows that investors with unit trusts in overseas sectors had the best results. Not surprisingly, European funds achieved the highest average gains over one year. Eastern bloc changes have stimulated interest in European stock markets, especially in West Germany, recognizing the potential economic advantages to the Continent in general and Germany in particular. But, even before strong economic performance and optimism about 1992. Thus, on a five-year view, the sector was the second best performer, funds showing av-

crage gains of 162.2 per cent. The second best sector over one year comprised the Far Eastern funds, not investing in Japan. These specialize in countries such as Taiwan, Malaysia, Hong Kong, South Korea and the Philippines, which have some of the world's highest growth rates.

Japan also continues to be one of the world's most successful economies, and stock market movements were further improved by the strong yen. Thus UK investors with funds in this sector achieved the highest average gains over five years and some of the best one-year results. : A more surprising inclusion

performers is commodity and energy. Over five years it was one of the worst. The turnaround was largely due to oil and base metal prices reaching their lowest points a year ago and then bouncing back.

Choosing a UK sector trust proved less rewarding. The average gain in all UK sectors was less than the rise in the FT All Share Index over one year. This was largely because of the popularity of large companies on the stock market last year. Many unit trusts favouring small and medium-sized companies suffered as a result.

Ironically, the best-per-forming UK specialist sector during the past year was the small group of funds investing the changes, Europe had been in investment trust shares, a favourite because of its which achieved 9.4 per cent average gains.
Over five years, UK equity

income unit trusts have again proved their long-term worth, making the sector the fourth best performer and the only

FT All Share Index. These funds have also always produced excellent capital growth. Their concentration on high-yield stocks means they invest in out-of-fashion companies and stock market sectors, which create capital gains when back in fashion.

he worst-performing sectors over one year and five years were mainly British. Gilt and fixed-interest funds had the worst losses. High short-term interest rates and high inflation are two factors that have epressed the gilt market. The Australasian sector also

produced poor performance over five years. But worst over this term was the North American sec-

tor. The main problem for these funds has been unfavourable currency movethe Australian and American only four sectors.

UK sector to out-perform the stock markets have performed almost as well as, if not better than, the UK market. The Australian All Share Ordinary Index is up 117 per cent and the American Standards & Poors is up 83 per cent, compared with the FI All Share 90 per cent increase over five years, without in-come reinvested. But the weakness of the American and Australian dollars has meant poor gains for British

> But an even more crucial factor is how various sectors measure up to inflation and to building society higher-interest investments.

As a result of the recent inflation rise, only eight of the 20 sectors produced real gains above last year's retail price index increase of 7.7 per cent.

A building society higherrate account investor would have seen a 10.25 per cent gain ments. In local currency terms in the past year - bettered by

Average % gala/less	Torst performing over 1 year	Average % gain/less
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13.1	MK halascod	-0.3
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177.1	North America	10.5
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that it lives up to its name.

Tony Fraher, managin

nds that follow form

day were vivid enough to deter even the hardiest investors, Morgan Grenfell introduced Tracker unit trusts to Britain. Today, tracker funds have proved their point they work. Morgan Grenfell's UK Equity Index Tracket followed the FTA All re index almost exactly in was to November 1989, thing 95 per cent of

il UK invested unit trusts. The US Tracker fund has put ep a similar show against

Trackers, brought in a year after the crash, have shown they work

Tracker mirrored the FT-Actuaries World Japan Index

Since its launch, the UK Tracker has gained 22.31 per cent compared with 21.5 per cent for the FTA All Share. Investors in US Tracker have done best of all, seeing the fund gain 34 per cent in line

with the S&P 500. Political shock waves in have done what they are

designed to do, tracking each index to within 1 per cent. We don't believe it is necessary to add any more." Investors do not pay any Japan have had a less

more for the security of a favourable effect. The FT Tracker fund. There is an World Japan Index is 13.2 per initial 5 per cent charge and an cent below its May 1989 annual 0.5 per cent managefigure. Japan Tracker was ment fee. The minimum down 13.7 per cent, proving investment is £1,000.

James Capel went one step further last year by launching director of Morgan Grenfell a Tiger Index fund to focus on Unit Trust Managers, said the south-east Asian econothere were no plans to launch mies. The fund is intended to new trackers. "All the trackers take some of the dangers out of investment in the region by spreading itself through a basket of countries.
It is planned to track Capel's

South East Asian Index, based on Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines. The first four, which are "approved" for investment by the Department of Trade and Industry, have an equal weighting of 18.18 per cent. The other "unapproved" markets have a half weighting of 9.09 per cent each to

compensate for the extra risk. Although the rapid growth of the Tiger economies has appealed to investors, volatile stock markets and political risks make the prospect of gains look less attractive. By giving a balanced spread, the Tiger fund allows a way into the region without the risks.

ike Morgan Grenfell, Capel launched trackers for the United States and Japan, but replaced the UK with a broader European index. The Japan index has been the most popular with investors, taking in £46 million by the beginning of

The American index had taken in £23.2 million, the Tiger fund nearly £18 million and the European index £14.5 million. To round off its portfolio, Capel is launching a UK Index Fund on March 26. The fund, which will track the FT All Share Index, will be on offer for one week.

Jonathan Custance Baker, managing director of James Capel Unit Trust Managers, said the group hoped to give investors the choice of an active or index fund in all the main markets. "We are now the only group covering the full range of markets."

Trackers may not have the spice of smaller specialist funds, which target a single country or theme in the hope of high returns. But they make sense as a core in any portfolio, leaving room for more

speculative investment.

Jon Ashworth

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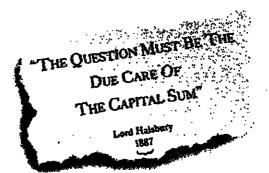
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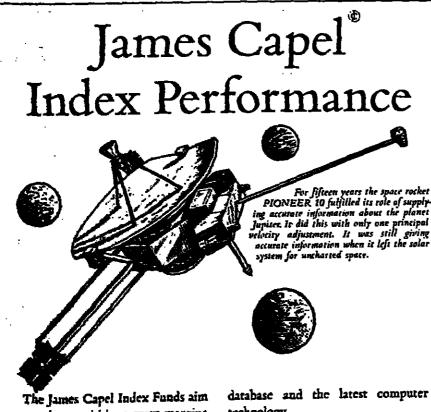
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# At home and abroad

Three experts give their advice for

investment in

the UK, Europe and beyond

● Peter Hargreaves Hargreaves Lansdown Asset

The United Kingdom: during the past 12 months it has been extremely difficult to convince clients that they should have an investment in the UK. Since UK investors' liabilities are in sterling, we believe their assets should be believe their assets should be there are two potential returns in sterling. We believe that from Japan, the stock market this is an excellent time to invest in the UK. While interest rates do not look like coming down in the short from a group which intends to term, we can also safely say be a major international figure there is very little chance of in investment management significant increases. We are within two years of a general Performance Fund. election, and a mini boom is inevitable.

We like the new fund from the new unit trust group Europe has many advantages Newton. We believe this over the Far East and, with the market, and we recommend the New Newton General





Optimism about markets: (left to right) Peter Hargreaves, Graham Hooper, Mark Dampier

speculative, more the stable the 1992 and the single Eurolow-risk element of a port- pean market; and, most imfolio. For the UK investor and the currency. We recommend one of the best longterm performers in Japan be a major international figure the MIM Britannia Japan

Europe: no portfolio today can ignore the potential of the west's most populous market. group is determined to be a changes in the east, European serious player in the unit trust businesses will have access to a new source of highly educated highly motivated workers with low wage expec-

portantly, Europe has far better communications than most other parts of the world. We recommend a unit trust which is poised to capitalize on the changes occurring in continental Europe: the Fidelity 1992 Fund.

These are not only three markets which I believe offer good investment potential for the future, but also groups which I believe will perform well within those markets.

These three funds would make an ideal balanced portfolio for someone entering the unit trust market for the first time. We have placed them in order of how much capital should be invested. In other tations. In addition, there is words, if you were investing

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chocolate. The economy and cur-

rency are strengthened by its ex-tensive banking industry, amongst the most sophisticated in the world. Although not a member of the European Community, power-ful Swiss companies — of interna-tional blue ships the

to SWSs companies - or marina-tional blue chip status - were amongst the first to secure posi-tions of increased strength in the liberated conditions already es-tablished in Europe. Total market cantalisation, 31

Total market capitalisation, 31
December 1989: 553.1 billion. Percentage of total world stock market capitalisation: 1.1%.

Warning

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that the price of units and the

income from them may go

down as well as up.

£10,000, perhaps £4,500 in the UK fund £3,000 in the Japan fund and £2,500 in the European fund would be a sensible start to a portfolio of unit

Graham Hooper

Chase de Vere Investments The contrast between the lethargy in the UK and US economies and the naive cuphoria and consequent confidence now prevalent in Europe is marked.

The strong performances of most world markets in 1989 will not be repeated this year as growth slows and inflation bites into corporate profits.

Given that UK interest

rates will fall later this year for political if not economic reasons - investors reluctant to expose themselves to risk should select a fund with a strong fixed interest element. Investors will not be dis-

Preference Share Fund; those looking for higher risks and rewards should look at Fidelity Special Situations (but be prepared for a bumpy ride). Avoid funds investing heavily in retail stocks or highly geared companies.

In America, interest rates

could fall faster than in the UK, and currency should be a major consideration. America has often been a graveyard for UK investors because of the currency — go for a heavily hedged fund such as the Gartmore Hedged American

The naive euphoria I referred to earlier revolves around the fact that although cash flow into Europe (and particularly Germany) is strong, growth will be funded by western money. My worry is that we could be building a third-world debt type problem on our own doorstep. Consequently, a broadly based trust such as Fidelity European is as good a bet as any. GT Germany looks a good "punt" — but beware of the

In the Far East, Japan will markets of tomorrow. continue to be the engine-

markets moving. For Japan, consider Perpetual Japanese Growth Fund, and in the satellites invest in the lames Capel Tiger Index Fund superbly conceived and con-structed fund for these inherently volatile markets.

My cynicism is based on the view that slowing world growth will have more of an adverse affect than most commentators expect. The mes age is clear be selective in your choice of management group and fund manager consistency of past perfor mance is usually indicative of a solid future and, given a medium-term view, investors will not be disappointed.

 Mark Dampier Whitechurch Securities

Investors have had a rollen coaster ride in world stock markets since 1987, with some dramatic rises and falls. Mar. kets have ebbed and flowed with the political power struggles in castern Europe, 1 believe this will continue into the 1990s, and investors need more than ever, to take a lone term approach.

Most stock markets have

had a good run since October 1987. For sterling investments, this has often been enhanced, on overseas holdings, by the fall in the pound. Investors should therefore appreciate that gains are likely to be harder to achieve over the next year. The general background, however, reappointed with Royal Trust mains encouraging worries over inflation around the world are exaggerated, and the recent rises in bond yields should prove to be a buying opportunity. Institutional cash is also at very high levels, suggesting that risks are lim-

With so much going on, it is difficult for small investors to know where to place their money, so I have gone for an ... each-way bet and chosen MLA Emerging Markets. Investing in emerging markets is rather like investing in small :companies: they have a huge potential for booming, but can also fall flat on their face, MLA reduces the risk by spreading investment around the world, currently holding around 50 per cent in the Fac East, over 20 per cent in Europe and 17 per cent in the more unusual areas such as Israel, Brazil and even Chile.
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It should be remembered; room of world growth. The that Japan itself was only an Japanese are heavy investors emerging market 25 years ago. in other Far Eastern satellite and it now has a bigger countries. The "weight of capitalization than the United money" view will keep these States - food for thought.

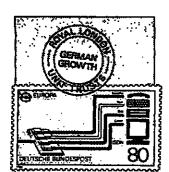
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The new found political and economic freedom in Eastern Europe has opened up new markets hungry for goods and services from their wealthy neighbours. The modernisation of Eastern European economies will furth-



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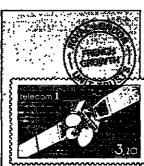
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merket capitalisation: 2.8%.

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country has great potential as
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Italian oftwe oil is exported all over
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# Time to PEP up the mortgage?

way for private investors to buy shares without putting all their eggs in one basket. Wrap them in a personal equity plan, the argument continues, and the rewards will be even greater. Over 20 years, the difference

It is a convincing argument, and one which has helped the unit trust companies attract new investors in recent mouths. The largest provider, M&G, has had £70 million invested in its unit trust Pep since June last year. Others, like Fidelity and Save & Prosper, have seen a growing interest in the plans, especially as the end of the tax year draws nearer.

The question for investors is whether it is better to pick a whether it is better to pick a unit-trast-only PEP, or choose one which allows them to select individual shares as well. For first-time investors, the unit trust option seems the better bet. The downside is that they can only invest up to £2,400 in a unit-trust-only PEP, as opposed to £4,800 through a share plan. But clad in its tax-free wrapping, that can add up to a sizeable return over 10 or 15 years. over 10 or 15 years.

Unlike a pension, there is no tax relief on contributions to a PEP. But any gains are tax free, and there is no tax to pay on income. The benefits can be attractive, and don't necessarily cost any more.
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"There is a bit of a misconception about the cost of a
PEP," said Mr Robin Bloor,
an associate director of Classe
de Vere, the broker. "It costs
no more, generally, to go into a
Pep, and the yield is tax free."
Roger Jennings, M&G's
marketing manager, says unit
trust PEP's remain one of the
most effective ways of investmost effective ways of investing in the longer term. "At worst there is little extra cost in going viz a PEP. We've got our fingers crossed that the Chancellor will do the right

nit trusts are often thing and make the full PEP described as the best allowance available to unit trust investors."

Even a single lump sum investment can turn into a sizeable gain with time. Anyone who invested £1,000 in Save & Prosper's High Return unit trust 20 years ago would have seen it grow to £19,252 by could run to thousands of pounds — without necessarily adding anything to the cost.

the beginning of February, offer to bid. With the tax-free wrapping of a PEP to boost it, wrapping of a PEP to boost it, the same investment would have become £29,311.

The rewards for regular savers are even more spectacular. £100 invested in the same unit trust each month for 20 years would have grown to £176,240. Through the PEP, it would have turned into £235,385 — not bad considering it doesn't really cost any more to "PEP" up an

idelity found that anyone who invested £4,800 in its Special Situations unit trust at the beginning of the 1980s could have made an extra £10,000 through a PEP. An investor paying 25 per cent tax and no capital gains tax would have been left with £57,500 tax-free at the beginning of January 1990, com-pared with £47,800 if he had invested outside a PEP. It has also been predicted

that unit-trust PEPs may come to replace pensions and endowments as an ideal way of paying off mortgages. The beauty, according to many advisers, is the way in which cash can be rolled up tax free year after year without locking
you away from your capital.
But it is in saving for school
fees that unit-trust PEPs are
really set to make their mark. "This is an area which will become greatly more developed," said Mr Robin Bloor.
"You can call a plan a school fees PEP, when really it is just a tag to encourage saving-PEPs only really become worthwhile over five to 10 years, and should be held for at least three."

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European launches and money trusts are expanding, Barbara Ellis says

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How 1992 came early a preoccupation for as somewhere to invest in, as a marketplace and as a source of competition on home ground. the cross-border battle for their savings already in progress because much of it is disguised, either by familiar

brand names or by slow beginthis year, fund launches have included a European smaller-companies fund from Save & Prosper focusing on eastern Europe. Royal London unveiled individual trusts specializing in France, West Germany, Italy, Spain and The Netherlands, but handed out small, boxed chunks of the Berlin wall to laws in place, stress awareness of crumbling and, according communism and its impact.

But the experience of investing on the Continent Unit may have been soured for Association intime, at least for the 12,000 unit-holders recently locked into the French-owned Dumenil group's single-coun- another year or try funds for more than three two. Differing months after the discovery of tax and investpricing difficulties. The West ment distribu-German banks that have tion systems. bought stakes in Britain's unit trust industry should, however, avoid any rebound of bad publicity associated with

The European single market arrived well ahead of 1992 for an open door." unit trusts. On October 1 last year, a European Community directive came into force allowing unit trusts to sell throughout Europe, provided they registered in each country Ucits. as a Ucits (undertaking for

ontinental Europe is collective investment in trans- a fund to pay corporation tax. Ucits in Luxembourg because ferable securities). To qualify, at 25 per cent instead of 35 per Britain's unit trusts a unit trust has to abide by restrictions, including a "three fives" rule - holding no more than 5 per cent of its portfolio in one stock and owning no But investors may overlook more than 5 per cent of a company and no more than 5 per cent of another Ucits. If all

EC countries had the necessary statutes on their books by October 1, the number of

funds on the market Britain might have doubled or trebled from the present 1,372. But in the event, only Britain, Ireland and Luxembourg had the to Tony Smith, secretary of the Trust vestors can expect to see little change

stand in the way, he says, describing the Ucits directive as "just a foot Chipping away at eastern Europe: Save & Prosper aded out small, boxed chunks of the Berlin wall in the door, not According to Save & Prosper's Ken Emery, tax considerat-

ions have kept S&P and many others from registering their British-based funds as

Though registration allows

"First, they got hundreds of requests for Ucits certificates,

then hundreds of with-Some funds have set up as

of the softer regulatory regime, cent, which benefits unitincluding S&P's Fleming holders, this is a disadvantage Flagship fund, but, as things for the group, which sees its stand, Mr Emery says, invesincome convened tors are better off with their own domestic fund, again for S & P decided to retain unit tax reasons. Foreign exchange risk is trust status — with a neutral effect on investors, according to Mr Emery - and passed the

another deterrent, as well as the lack of cover from the UK Investors' Compensation Scheme for Ucits based outside Britain.

> Unit trust marketing in Europe is largely dominated by banks, and the UTA's Mr Smith says that outside influences will be prevented from ional characteristics by the Ucits provision that funds must abide by the marketing rules in each country. However, Mary Blair of Fidelity thinks this means that it will be easier for Continentals to sell their products in Britain than the other ₩ay round because this country has

a large number ments Board did not know of independent sales people, what was going on", he says, as well as relatively cheap national press advertising. But, she says, British expertise in equity investment should give the UK an edge against Continental funds, which have pri-



marily specialized in fixedinterest investment. Yet there are problems with making cross-border comparisons, according to Ms Blair. She explains, as an example, that a West German fund with exactly the same investments in, say, North America as an Italian fund could show quite a different performance and payout record because of gross payment of dividends in West Germany and net payment in

Ms Blair says that instead of namies. different industries that have



Tony Smith: sees little change

registering its UK-based funds as Ucits, Fidelity aims to set up a mirror-image Luxem-bourg operation by the end of September. "We feel that most Europeans don't understand the bid/offer spread which we are obliged to have here," she says, explaining that Luxembourg funds have a single price based on net asset value. At M&G, the biggest of Britain's unit trust groups, Tim Miller, marketing director, says that last October's Ucit directive was less important than it might appear because it had done nothing about harmonizing tax, marketing rules or distribution. "The world is a lot more complicated than we thought it was," says Mr Miller, who chairs a marketing committee for the European Federation of Investment Fund Com-"You have these

grown up really in isolation."



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like a sparsery that has car park that has suddenly sprouted a car boot sale. When first authorized two years ago, the money or cash trusts were seen by management groups as a kind of "parking place" in which customers could be persuaded to leave their money between forays into more adventurous

Then along amouncement of indepen taxation, which from April will give married women their own tax allowance, as well as an incentive for the non-taxpayers among them to seek an alternative to the bank and building society deposits that deduct composite rate tax that

cannot be reclaimed. Money funds offered they invest in bank and building society deposits as well as short-term money market instraments, the tax they deduct can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers. Managers seized on this as a selling point.

The number of money funds on the market grew from just two early last year to eight by this Jameny. Three more

further five or six are nearing the slipway - all with indepentaxation seriously in

expensive, with a 5 per cent a yield of 14.9 per cent. The £5,000 or £50 a month as part

of a savings plan. Midland Bank's Money

City Reserve fund has a front-0.5 per cent a year. The same group's Harbour fund charges nothing initially and 0.5 per

Despite their common target, though, the money funds show quite wide variations in charges and conditions. Edin-

burgh's Stewart Ivery Managed Cash fund looks the most front-end charge, plus 0.5 per ally in exchange for eut is cither

unit trust is also pricey, charg-ing 4 per cent initially and 0.5 per cent annually, although the yield is only 12.7 per cent. Minimum investment is £500. The Savings Corporation's end charge of 1 per cent, plus

Both at present yield 14 per cent, with minimum investents set at either £500 in a ap sam or £25 a month

through a savings plan. The Guardian Royal Exchange Cash fund effectively

ments. There is a lower limit of £500 on lump-sum investments, but not on the group's monthly savings plan, though a spokesman said the hope was that people would not invest less than £5 or £10 a month, GRE Cash has no initial charge, a 0.5 annual charge

and a 13.7 per cent yield. Scottish Amicable Maxina Income sets a minim of £2,500 for starters with a subsequent minimum of £1,000 and does not offer a monthly savings option. Charges are 2.5 per cent initially, 0.5 annually, yield is 15

Acuma, the recently formed effshoot of American Express based in Beckenham, has no initial load on its money fund. but charges 0.75 per cent annually. The minimum hump sum investment is £1,000; the savings plan minimum £50 a

> Fidelity's Cash Fund, launched last February, has since grown to the biggest money fund, totalling £35 million. With an annual charge of 0.5 per cent, Fidelity Cash yields 14.9 per cent. Investment minimum is £1,000 or £50

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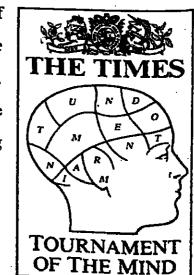
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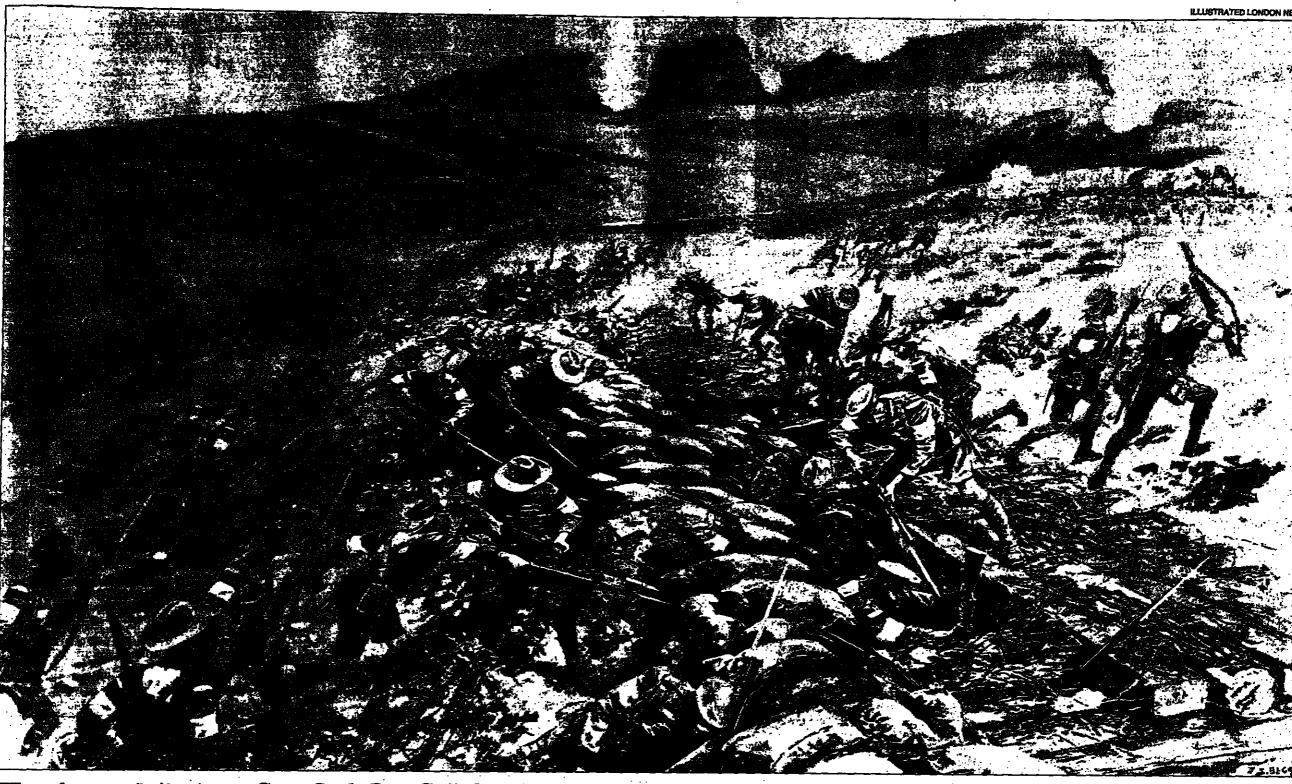
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# MENT Men so brave, orders so foolish



am a fortunate man," said Adil Sahin, "the Lord has been good. He gave me this beautiful place to live my life. In these days we speak was also a beautiful place to die." The village where Adil has lived all the 93 years of his life is Buyuk Anafarta on the Turkish penisula called Gelibolu. We know it better as Gallipoli.

Seventy-five years ago, the 18-year-old shepherd Adil went with 32 others from his village to man hastily dug trenches along the Sari Bair ridge above his house. Only be and two others returned. Buynk Anafarta did not suffer alone; the scale of its losses of young men is matched on the village war memorials of New Zealand and Nepal, in the memories of the aged on Australian sheep stations, and in the records of many now-disbanded British regiments.

From Sari Bair's peaks you look down on on the golden crescents of a coast of haunting place names; Anzac Cove and Suvia Bay, Gully Beach and Cape Helles. Buried among the trees above the beaches are others: Lone Pine and The Nck, Pink Farm and Twelve Tree Copse. Even now, 75 years on, there are women of a half-dozen nations who cannot hear those names without weeping.

Some of those women will be joining a pilgrimage by people from all around the world to the graves of Gallipoli next month, when the anniversary will be marked by the speeches of statesmen near where 28 Victoria Crosses were won; 216 other men were awarded the Distinguished Serice Order, 354 the Military Cross, and 719 the Distinguished Conduct Medal. But no politician will be able to find a sentence which rings true that does not lean with equally heavy emphasis on the heroics and the horror this land has seen.

That borror lives still with Arthur "Johnny" Bull, aged 94, who saw the worst of the fighting with the Royal Gloucester Hussais: It was a horrible nightmare, suicide. A terrible, terrible time."

Bull was a stretcher-bearer at the infamous Chocolate Hill, which rapidly became thick with bodies. Former Corporal Bull, who now lives in Dyfed, spent his 20th birthday in a trench under fire: "They were shooting at you all time, day and night. All you could hear was guns going pap-pap-pap. We lived on bully beef, biscuits and water. The same water for washing and drinking.

"Wounded? I wish I had been. We all wanted to get wounded. just to get out of there

in Adir's beautiful place during 1915, in a strip of killing ground never more than 121/2 miles by live, the armies of the British Empire. France and Turkey suffered more than 500,000 casualnes. More than 120,000 died on this finger of band, many in hando-hand lighting. "This is hell, all piled up," one Aussie wrote. No more than a quarter were ever dentified; many of the rest simply ocame part of the very stuff of his glorious, brooding scenery.

Anzac Cove, Suvla Bay, Gully Beach, Cape Helles . . . the Dardanelles. Next month, as a pilgrimage of politicians, old soldiers and widows heads for the Turkish beaches, a new generation will

learn with horror of the futility of Gallipoli — the killing fields of 1915. **Brian James** tells the dreadful story



Survivors: Adil Sehin (left) defended the vital Sari Bair ridge; Arthur Ball saw the worst of the fighting with the Royal Gloucester Hussars

duty at the north end of the bay that would become known as Anzac Cove at 4am on April 25. "My friend shouted Someone comes'. I saw big black shapes on the water. Then many shadows on the beach. We had great fear. But we fired. We were called back up into the hills. Still we fired. Of the I I men in my post five were killed

Adil did not know who they were fighting. We were told they were English. But England had been our friend. We did not know why they were doing this to us. Then we were told that many came from this land of Australia. That was a great distance. Why had they come here?"

That was a question that was going to be asked, between prayers and curses, countless times in the months after that April morning. Yet the men from the Empire, volunteers all, had arrived singing with confidence in pursuit of a truly Grand Design. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, had proposed that the capture of the Gallipoli peninsular would give the Allies free use of the 40-mile stretch of water known as the Dardanelles. This in turn would give access to British fleets to the Sea of Mamara, put Istanbul

beneath their battleship guns, drive Turkey from the war, and open up the Black Sea ports, through which the Allies could supply and encourage Russia, then scarcely holding Germany on the eastern front.

Perhaps even more was played for than Churchill contemplated; historians now speculate whether, had the plan succeeded, the Russian Revolution would ever have taken place. But the plan was never destined

to succeed, because it was attended by so doleful a list of ignorances in its planning, incompetences in its execution, by failures in the leaders matched only by the heroism of the led, as to make that cool and eminent military historian Dupuy declare: "With the possible exception of the Crimea, the expedition was the most poorly mounted and ineptly controlled operation in modern British military history...the fighting men on both sides performed miracles." Of the millions of words written on the campaign most have been greatly more

The consequences of failure were many. Churchill was sacked from the Cabinet and was seldom trusted by military minds again until his re-emergence in the

Second World War. A previously unknown Turkish divisional commander named Kemal became a national hero and established the fame that led on to his emergence as Kemal Ataturk, the "father" of the modern Turkish republic. And an equally unknown Australian journalist, Keith Murdoch came, wrote what he had seen, and almost single-handedly ended the war.

The verdicts of historians on Gallipoli cannot be dismissed as hindsight. Soldiers of the time, one or two ranks down from the incompetent staff officers wished on the luckless commander, General Sir Ian Hamilton (who left for Turkey at 24 hours' notice with no plan and only a few tourist maps of his target) furned as delays multiplied and chances of essential surprise vanished.

The consequences were immediate. On March 18 a formidable Allied fleet, including 18 capital ships, sailed into the Straits and began to reduce the out-gunned batteries barring the 40mile passage. But pointless earlier assaults in November and January had so alerted the Turks that a small minesweeper had strewn charges along the line chosen by the British on their previous raid: now three old battleships were sunk and three more crippled.

his action, celebrated across Turkey every March 18 since as a victory marking the rebirth of a nation in decline since the rout of the Ottoman Empire, cast the die: the British fleet fled, its admiral declaring: "First, let the troops clear the land."

According to the plan they should have been ready to do so. But incompetent staffwork meant that the approaching force was in chaotic order, units were on one ship, their guns on another, ammunition on a third. They had to return to Egypt to be combatloaded. A month passed: every ship arrival was freely reported in Carro newspapers; spies were taken daily around the assembly

area on the island of Lemnos. The German "advising" general Liman von Sanders, given command of the Gallipoli garnson, could scarcely have been better prepared for his enemies. In February, Turkey had 15,000 troops on the peninsula. At 4.30am on April 25, when the first Anzacs tripped ashore, Adil Sahin was one of 88,000 men waiting to receive them. He remembers being chivvied back up the razorbacked ravines above the beaches throughout that first night by the ludicrously courageous charges of men apparently loving their first taste of war.

Next morning, British troops made their own landings on five beaches around Cape Helles on the southern tip of Gallipoli. Some, like the thousands on a converted collier, the River Clyde, stepped off into point-blank fire and were massacred. Others, like the men on "Y" beach, sauntered ashore, looked around the town of Krythia, paused to brew up on the slopes of the height called Achi

Baba and were still awaiting orders when the Turks arrived to chase them off. Britain was to lose 10,000 dead trying in vain to take both Krythia and Achi Baba in the next nine months.

By dawn the Anzacs had taken the first ridge of hillocks. But the land won against withering fire by the end of the first day was all they were to hold for the next three months; trapped in a beachhead, usually within sight of snipers, always in range of artillery, and fighting daily with beyonet and grenades to cling to just a few feet

Adil says: "All day just shooting. So many died. But it was our duty. We awoke and began fighting. At night we buried those who died. We knew they would be happy now. There was no horror

for us." The fatalistic courage of these Muslim infantrymen was yet another factor totally underestimated in the planning

Adil says. "One day the government sent hazelnuts and raisins. The trenches of the Australians were only about 15 yards away. We threw them fruit. They threw back cigarettes and biscuits." This is a documented incident; the grudging regard of the combatants for each other is famous.

But more typical was another incident Adil, sharp-minded still at 93, recalls: "One day they waved flags from each side. And we walked out of the trenches to bury the dead." In fact, Turks do not formally bury their dead; what they wanted was to recover the rifles of the 1,000 men shot down

in one insane charge into 948,000 bullets (yes, someone counted) The Australians matched this sacrifice another day when they lost 2,400 men tackling a 300-y section of front.

Apart from a regular diet of lack of water, lack of ammunition, lack of comprehendable orders, some days brought supreme horror. Like the afternoon of mad bravery when leap-frogging handfuls of Gurkhas, Gloucesters and Welch Fusiliers finally took the key peak of Chunuk Bair. They sent for reinforcements to fresh-landed troops assembled below: "Sorry, my men need a hot meal and tea before coming up," the red-tabbed commander said. After the Turkish counter-attack, no British soldier was left alive on Chunuk. The

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Continued from previous page final débâcie came at Suvia Bay, when a fresh August landing to take the Turks from the rear saw 20,000 Empire troops land unopposed to scatter the 1,600 enemy facing them under the Sari Bair ridge. The plan visualized a dash for the heights; instead some units began digging in, others went bathing. Fresh Turkish battalions were strung along the heights when, two days later, the advance

began, and was instantly halted.
Effectively, the Gallipoli campaign ended then; except that neither Hamilton and his mulish staff nor Churchill was prepared to concede so. It took the truth about life and death on the peninsular (brought to Britain by the dramatic means outlined on this page) to provoke the one Dardanelles operation that brought credit to British

arms: the evacuation.

Hamilton had said it could not be done, not without losses of up to 40,000 of his men. His replacements, Generals Monro then Birdwood, produced a plan of breathtaking audacity. From mid-December, night after night groups of men, six or a dozen at a time, filed down the gullies, silent and not smoking, moving sound-lessly across roads and jetties lined with sacking and slid into barges.

n January 9, 1916, the last few, having mined their trenches and rigged Heath-Robinson devices operated by water dripping into cans to trigger abandoned rifles, crept away. The evacuation of 134,000 troops had cost not a single man.

Adil says: "At first we did not believe. Then we went down through the fog, and there was no one. We sat down; what was there to celebrate?"

The 57 Anzac veterans, average age 94, making their way to where Adil waits to greet them ("not as enemies, but comrades of a terrible time") will find the peninsula as empty today as then. Like the 35 sons and daughters of the British dead on the British Legion pilgrimage, like veteran Arthur Bull, Margaret Thatcher, Australia's prime minister and New Zealand's governor-general, like the bands and colour-parties from warships that will again sail the Narrows, they will be heartened by the care given the countless cemeteries.

The Turks have made the peninsular tip a national park, forbidding all development and gimcrack tourism and planting the once-bare hills with millions of trees. But only the imaginationdead can tread the trenches, where once "as the bullets hit blood hung in the air like the droplets of a hairdresser's spray" and not feel that Adil's beautiful land is peopled with a braver presence than those striding regiments of pine.

The journalist who stopped a war

ow much influence journalists truly wield can occupy much lunchtime discussion in bars, and at No 10 Downing Street. Few can claim to have written one long piece on an army "murdered by incapacity" and almost single-handedly stop-

ped a war.

Keith Murdoch was aged 29 when he left Australia to run the London cable office of an Australian newspaper group. He was nervous about the assignment (because of his stammer a pre-vious attempt to conquer Fleet Street had not succeeded) and, in any case, he saw the job as second prize, having narrowly failed to gain the one place allocated to Australia in the Press corps accompaning the Gallipoli landings four months before.

He was slightly mollified by

having been given the chore by his government, for a fee of £25, of stopping off in Cairo to ask questions about the failure of the Australian forces' postal system and allegations that money sent from home was vanishing on route,

To pursue those inquiries, Murdoch cabled General Sir Ian Hamilton for permission to visit campaign headquarters on Imbros and the Anzac front. This, to Hamilton's later regret, was granted . . . once Murdoch had signed an undertaking to write nothing that did not pass before the censor.

Murdoch was part-prepared for Anzac Cove after talking on Imbros to Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, an English war correspondent who was scathing about the conduct of the campaign. What he was to observe for himself over four days appalled him. Worse, because of his undertaking to the censor, he could not hope to report the truth to his newspaper in Australia.
It was Ashmead-Bartlett who

provided the solution. Would Murdoch, asked the Englishman, agree to carry a sealed letter to Britain's Prime Minister, Asquith? Murdoch, guessing the contents, agreed. The plan misfired when, tipped off by another journalist, Hamilton warned the War Office about the letter and a British Intelligence officer boarded Murdoch's ship at Marseilles to seize his papers.

But Murdoch had been shown a way out by placing himself under military discipline by signing the undertaking, he had also extended to himself every soldier's right to correspond freely with any MP. On September 21 Murdoch arrived in



The war reporter: Keith Murdoch revealed the awful truth in a letter to the Australian Prime Minister

London, went straight to the Australian group's offices in *The Times* building and began pecking out an 8,000-word letter to the Australian prime minister, Andrew Fisher, the former miner he had met while a parliamentary reporter.

I am indebted to Desmond Zwar, a journalist friend of many years, for what follows: Ten years ago Zwar persuaded the Australian government to release the Murdoch letter, "classified" since 1915. Murdoch had done his homework. His letter has piercing detail of what had been done badly, what alternatives were never tried. Much of it is almost sentimental in praise of Australian courage and spirit. More is deadly in its criticism of the campaign's

Excerpts give a flavour. After describing the inept chaos of Suvla, Murdoch continued:

Flies are spreading dys-entery, and we must be evacuating 1.000 sick and wounded men every day. When the autumn rains come and unbury our dead, now lying under a light soil in our trenches, sickness must increase. Even now the stench is sickening. Alas, the good human stuff that there lies

When spring comes we shall have about 60,000 men left. But they will not be an army. They will be a broken force, spent. The spirit

of Suvia is simply deplorable. The men have no confidence in the staff, little in London. Every man knows that the last operations were grossly bungled by the general staff, and that Hamilton has led a series of armies into a series of culde-sacs. You would hardly believe the evidence of your own eyes at Suvia. You would refuse to believe that these men were really British soldiers. So badly shaken are they by their miserable defeats, so affected by the lack of water and the monotony of salt beef and rice diet, that they show an atrophy of mind and body that is appalling.

I do not like to dictate this sentence, even for your eyes, but the fact is that after the first day at Suvia orders had to be issued to officers to shoot without mercy any soldiers who lagged behind or loitered in an advance.

For the general staff and, I fear, Hamilton, officers and men have nothing but contempt. They express it fearlessly. That however is not peculiar to Anzac. Sedition is talked round every tin of bully beef on the peninsula, and it is only loyalty that holds the forces to-

Undoubtedly, the essential and first step to restore the morale of the shaken forces is to recall him and his Chief of Staff [General Braithwaite], a man more cordi-ally detested in our forces than Enver Pasha. The continuous and ghastly bungling over the Dardanelles enterprise was to be expected from such a General Staff as the British Army possesses, so far as I have seen it. The conceit and complacency of the red feather men are equalled only by their incapacity.

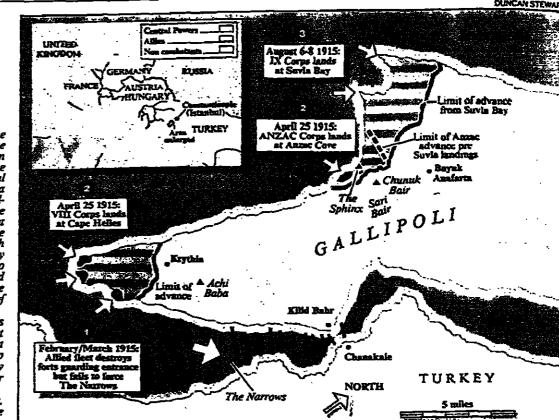
Along the lines of communications, and especially at Mudros, are countless high officers and con-ceited young cubs only playing at war. What can you expect of men who have never worked seriously, who have lived for their appearance and for social distinction and self-satisfaction, and who are now called on to conduct a gigantic war? Australians now loathe and detest any

Murdoch finished his letter and went to lunch with Geoffrey Dawson, then editor of The Times, at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. Back at the office, Dawson sent a message: could Murdoch be persuaded to repeat what he had said to a member of the War Cabinet?

Englishman wearing red.

In the next few dizzying days the

unknown reporter was grilled in



Plan of action: more than 120,000 Allied and Turkish troops died fighting for control of the Dardanelles



Turk's eye view: Anzac Cove (top left) today with its sombre memorial, and beacheads curving to North Cove

turn by Sir Edward Carson, chairman of the Dardanelles Committee; Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions; Lord Kitchener, Secretary for War, and by a bristlingly

hostile Winston Churchill. Asquith, meanwhile, asked to see a copy of the Murdoch letter, and at once ordered it duplicated

as a Cabinet paper. Hamilton, shown the letter, dismissed it as tittle-tanle ("No gentleman would have said it, and no gentleman will believe it," he would later add). But the Cabinet was convinced otherwise. Twentyfour hours later Hamilton was

relieved of his command. Within days, General Monro had arrived to take charge and 48 hours later answered Lord Kitchener's terse cable ... "the main issue ... staying or leaving?" by recommending evacuation.

Murdoch remained in London for six years, given by his letter an instant entree to the political establishment and becoming a favourite of the father of modern British journalism, Lord North-cliffe, before returning to Melbourne to begin building a newspaper empire of his own and earn a knghthood, with most Australians only dimly aware of what he had done.

His son, Rupert, who created an even greater media empire, re-calls: "My father remembered what he had seen all his life. Yet he seldom spoke of the part he

played. But Charles Bean, Australia's official war historian and an appalled witness of Gallipoli. wrote: "It is a bit of a shock to find that what the whole system cannot do after months of close attention, a single visitor can do within days . . . that is make up the mind of the British Government."







# A CHILDHOOD: LADY ANTONIA FRASER

# I was the person who nobody would walk with in the crocodile to Salisbury Cathedral'

Fraser was born father, Frank Pakenham, later to become the Earl of Longford, was a Conservative and a Protestant. By the time she was eight, he was Catholic and Labour. In the meantime he had been an Oxford don, the prospective Parliamentary Labour candidate for Oxford City in 1938, and had become personal assistant to Sir William Beveridge in setting up the Welfare State. Her mother had contested Cheltenham as a Labour candidate in 1935, and was a Workers' Educational Association

Antonia was the first of their eight children. The next child. Thomas, 11 months younger, has been her friend throughout life. Over the years American maga-

zines have enjoyed making a point of her aristocratic lineage (the Long-ford title goes back to 1785), but they miss the point. Antonia Fraser's childhood was academia and socialist politics in the educationally competitive forcing ground of north Oxford.

In fact, her earliest memories are of Oxford: Magdalen lit up for King George V's jubilee, being taken to see her father play rugby, and his freezing rooms at Christ Church. For a time during the war, the Pakenhams were evacuated with the families of three other dons to an Elizabethan manor house. But then, as everyone knew, Oxford was not going to be bombed, so it was back to the Dragon School and a large, turnof-the-century house.

It was, she thinks, a very special kind of childhood in that, since so many of the parents of the children were dons, it was highly competitive. "The parents took a great interest in their children's education. So, not only were you competing for it, but people did ask you about your school reports and how the children of fellow dons were doing.

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"So it was very competitive, but I don't think children mind that as much as is sometimes supposed. because we all had a lot of fun bicycling about north Oxford and swimming in the Cherwell."

The Dragon School was, of course, really a boys' school - 400 boys to 20 girls, most of whom were daughters of parents who were away. Faced with these kinds of odds, the girls simply got on still correspond." with being boys, Antonia playing wing three-quarter at rugby, and

being top of the form. Obviously bright, and an inordinately fast reader ("really quite alarmingly fast: I'd win money off grown-ups for reading Scott's novels. It's just a faculty like running fast, nothing to do with intelligence"), she quickly appreriated that the way to win favour was to do well at school. "My mother was a great believer in education for her children and very competitive, and she was always pleased when I did well."

who brought up the children. "My father was almost exactly like he is now. He's done many, many different things, but he was always very absent-minded and vague, famous for taking a taxi from one end of the road to the other.

"He was extremely kind, but also extremely remote. He didn't give me the feeling that I could pour out my heart to him, but I don't think parents of that generation did. I always felt that if I was in terrible trouble he'd be the person I'd go to. And, in fact, when my own children have got into various scrapes, it's been off to lunch at the House of Lords with their grandfather. That's the seal that they're in trouble."

She was already interested in writing and, at the age of 10, wrote a poem for Winston Churchill on the occasion of his birthday, and sent it to Downing Street.
The next morn-

ing, at breakfast, my mother said, By the way, Antonia, you were thanked for your poem on the radio last night'. Now the thing about this story is that I wasn't a bit surprised. I thought it and so I went off to school very

pleased at having been thanked. It wasn't until weeks afterwards that I discovered that what was actually said was 'Mr Churchill wishes to thank all the people who have sent him cards and letters on the occasion of his birthday'."

At 12, she moved to a Church of England girls' boarding school, Godolphin School, at Salisbury, an experience so bleak that she even omits it from her entry in Who's Who. "I can't think of anything good about it, except that our house-mistress used to read aloud Dorothy Sayers's The Man Born To Be King.
"I've no doubt I was precocious

and not very interesting to know for a lot of girls, but, you know, it was horrible. I was the person who nobody would walk with in the crocodile to Salisbury Cathedral." Some years ago, she mentioned

this fact to a gossip columnist and shortly afterwards received a letter from a Godolphin old girl saying, The truth is you were not popular because you were not very nice." There was one happy outcome

of Godolphin, however, in that one of her old teachers recognized herself in the first Jemima Shore mystery, Quiet As A Nion. "I had a letter after all those years. She's over 80 now and lives in Bath. We At 13, she chose to become a

Catholic. Her father had been a Catholic since the beginning of the war and she had always felt "a great, out perfectly childish, leaning towards the Catholic church. I liked the incense, the mystery. I liked religion and I liked that it was very strange to me.

"My mother didn't become Catholic until 1946, after which the younger children were dunked in the font again. Thomas and I were allowed to choose. So I

The choice meant transferring Her mother was the more to a Catholic school, St Mary's practical of her parents, the one Convent in Ascot: "I loved all the



Oxford daughter born to win: Lady Antonia Fraser today and (left, inset) as a child: "It was very competitive, but I don't think children mind that as much as is sometimes supposed"

ritual, the white veils on Sunday and the black veils for going to mass every morning. When my daughter went to the same school 30 years later, I was appalled. They never seemed to go to mass

By now, she was discovering that being the daughter of a Labour Minister (her father was at the War Office in by Ray Connolly

Attlee's post-war government, and ended up as Minister of Aviation) made her somewhat "out of with the other girls at

When I'd been at the Dragon School, it seemed to me that we were extremely poor in that my father only had a don's salary which was traditionally small, and there were eight of us in the house. So we lived like other people around us, most of whom would. in the war, have been socialists.

"I can remember putting leaflets through letter boxes and asking people, 'Will you be voting for Frank Pakenham? That was a very important part of my childhood. Then, when I went to Godolphin and to Ascot, I found it was very, very odd that everybody was a Conservative and that they told jokes about the Labour Party being like a bunch of bananas: green at first, then yellow and then

As well as being a rapid and wide reader (she was addicted to

thrillers), she was also by now

writing more - romantic thrillers

and historical romances. Indeed.

the publication this month of her

seventh Jemima Shore mystery,

The Cavalier Case (Bloomsbury,

£12.99), is continuing a long

tradition, of novels written in

between her historical biog-

raphies, from school days. At

Ascot, what made her happiest

was winning the history prize. But

one year, when she should have

been swotting for exams, she

disappeared into the library with

Gone With The Wind.

Nevertheless, by 15 she had taken her Higher School Certificate, in which she did very well. People seemed to take examinations earlier in those days, she thinks, and has found it very odd to find her own children lumbering around the house doing A

The family had by now moved to London and various jobs and hobbies went to university. For a time, she was an accounts typist,

then studied French poetry at the Lycée, and then moved on to Fenwick's hat department, from which she was sacked for telling the Press that she believed in "Sits and no Sats" - she didn't want to work on Saturdays, but she did want to be able to sit down.

By now, the family was living in Hampstead Garden Suburb, which she hated because it was so far from the Tube. "So I used to stay with my aunt and uncle, Anthony Powell, who lived in Chester Gate. He was just beginning to write A Dance to the Music

of Time, and because he was so charming and interesting formed the impression that a writer's life was a very nice one. That had a very great influence on There had probably never been

much doubt that she would follow both her parents to Oxford, but she now thinks it was probably a mistake. For the only time in her life she chose not to work very her days there. "I'd grown up in Oxford. It was my home town. I should probably have gone to Cambridge or somewhere else."

She never thought she was particularly pretty. "I remember as a little girl my nanny saying, Never mind, Antonia, Betty Grable has a big mouth, too'. And I rushed to Photoplay and there was Betty Grable with this enormous mouth covered in dripping red lipstick. I howled with

"Although my mother was good at praising academic excellence, she's not at all vain herself, and never saw the necessity to tell me that I was pretty, whether I was or

not. I've reacted against that with my own children." (She has six.) "I'm always telling them how pretty they are. I think they are." She was, of course, always at

parties and always in love. It was a time of coffee bars. Persoex coffee cups and rubber plants. "I couldn't think what was happening to the world. It was so enchanting."

From Oxford she went into Weidenfeld until, at 23, she married Hugh Fraser. But already she was writing professionally; her first children's book was published when she was 22.

Now married to Harold Pinter, with three grown-up children still living at home, she writes every day, and is still the romantic. Years ago, she said: "It seems to me that we only have a very few romantic moments in our lives, and if we let one go, then our lives are so much the poorer for it."

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# From rags to respectability

At dawn a grey haze from the wood-burning ·3 MAR ` stoves hangs 1990 over this squalid ghetto, as South Africa's largest dormitory, Johannesburg's

sprawling servants' quarters for two million blacks, begins to stir. Students in neatly pressed black and white uniforms set off for school, a man who has found a patch of wasteland tends a herd of goats, and 400,000 blacks, from factory workers to businessmen, begin the seven-mile journey to central Johannesburg to keep the nation's industries going.

Even from the air a new visitor about to touch down at Jan Smuts Airport cannot mistake Soweto. the exotic-sounding acronym for the South-Western Townships. Most noticeable is the conspicu-

ous absence of swimming pools, dotted so liberally about the gardens of white suburban homes. And there is also Soweto's incongruous setting — a sprawling patchwork of tiny homes aligned along dirt roads and hidden behind the neat, square hills of ancient mine dumps.

Consult most world atlases and you would be hard-pressed to locate South Africa's largest population centre. In its 86-year history of neglect and despair no one ever intended Soweto to become anything more than a "location", a forgotten city kept out of sight where blacks went to sleep in the evening before returning to work the next day. Even in Soweto's infancy the

omens were not good. The first settlement near the present township consisted of an emergency camp for black migrant workers who, in 1904, had to be evacuated from their slum dwellings in Johannesburg when bubonic plague swept through the

Since then the township's legacy has been one of cruelty and violence perpetrated by the authorities against the inhabitants and by Sowetans against each other, a by-product of overcrowding, high unemployment and poor schooling.

Attempts to improve conditions were set back with the advent of the National Party and the reDespair gives way

to hope as an affluent black middle class

emerges in

Soweto, reports Nicholas Beeston

legislation. From 1955 to 1968 more than 22,000 black families and 6,500 single people were rounded up by the police and troops and dumped unceremoniously in Soweto from the Johannesburg district of Sophiatown, since tastelessly re-named Triomf (Triumph) for its



more reformminded National Party governments the few improvements to the

township were overshadowed by outbreaks of violence. On June 16, 1976, 15 people were killed when students demonstrated against being forced to learn in Afrikaans in school. Since the uprising and subsequent riots in the mid-1980s hardly a family in the township has been left

The hardships endured by the long-suffering Sowetans will be familiar to Nelson Mandela, who three weeks ago returned to his modest brick bungalow in Orlando West for the first time in 27 years and told 120,000 of the township's youngsters that the existence of the ghetto in its present form would be unacceptable in a new South Africa.

But if he finds time to tour the township he will hardly be able to recognize the dramatic changes that have occurred since his

Opposite his home, across the now-paved street, a complex of roomy villas with gardens and garages known tocatty as "Beverly Hills" has sprouted up to house the black clite of doctors, lawyers

Highways, a university and a shopping centre, all the trappings of an infrastructure previously denied Sowetans, have mushroomed in the past decade.

And throughout the township, judging from the luxury cars and the new housing developments, there are signs that a new class, the "buppies" (black upwardly mobile professionals), is making its mark. Once banned from owning busi-

nesses and property and restricted by law to menial jobs, black businessmen involved with everything from fast food restaurants to small factories are blossoming and with them an affluent black. middle class is emerging.
You don't have to look much

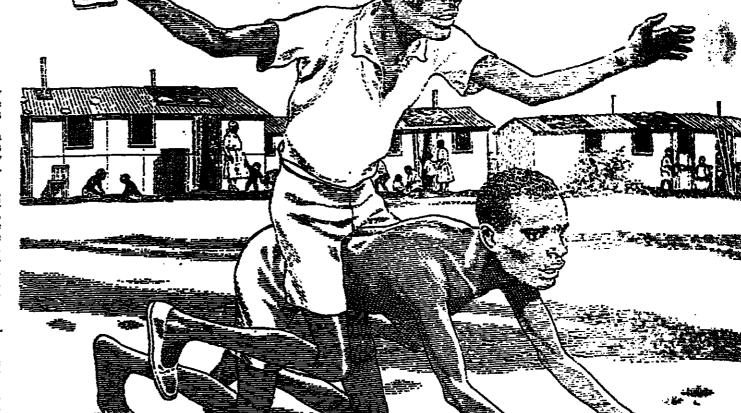
further than Godfrey Moloi's Blue Fountain jazz club to be struck by the dramatic change Mr Moloi, aged 55, self-con-

fessed one-time gangster, boot-legger, jazz musician and now respected member of Soweto society, looks like a Dixieland jazz musician with a straw boater covering his bald head, two-tone brogues and an array of signet rings, one bearing a coat of arms he recently had designed for his

Mr Moloi's personal history, related in a recent autobiography, My Life, embodies the story of the

The son of an Anglican priest, Mr Moloi and his family were forced out of Johannesburg's Prospect district in 1936 by the unthorities and relocated to a tiny three-room "matchbox" house in

"Have you heard of the Don-key Game"?" he asked. "That was a game I played as a child. One boy in the street who had richer parents than the rest of us would come out every day with a slice of buttered bread and shout "Who will be my donkey?". We would all fall to our knees and start braying. The boy would select his donkey of the day and ride around on his back before allowing him to have a bite of his bread. I was good at playing the comic and I was his favourite donkey, but I don't want to see that happening again in



Mr Moloi runs a scholarship programme for gifted black sto dents and a schools football competition aimed at keeping young blacks in the classroom.
"I am trying to

"I am trying to set some standards in the community. For instance, today I received a call from the Foreign Ministry asking me to go to Pretoria to see the minister, Pik Botha.

"We get white people driving all the way from Johannesburg to come to my club. I want to prove to my people that we can do it if

One of his regulars at the Blue Fountain, a successful entrepreneur called Sam, eulogizes Mr Moloi and what he stands for. "Someone tried to get in here tonight wearing shorts," he said between sips of his vodka and soda. "Mr Moloi won't let any person in off the street. We told him to go home and only come back when he was properly dressed. I think we should make this club members only." The talk this evening is not of

revolution but of more down-toearth bourgeois concerns. "The problem with the housing market in South Africa is the high interest rates which have pushed mortgages up and made it very difficult for first-time buyers," complained Joe, a black property developer who sounds more like a Clapham estate agent than a man who, until a few years ago, was regularly arrested by police for pass law

offences The bible for this new breed of young blacks is -3 MAR \ Tribute, a glossy (S) 1990 S) fashion magazine which last

month treated its readers to society photographs of black millionaires attending the J&B Metropolitan Handicap, one of the premier events on the South African horse-racing calendar, a feature on the new Audi Turbo, canoeing in Natal and Yves Saint Laurent's new collection, modelled in the tiny kingdom of Lesotho.

When we first published there was criticism that we were following the rules of the oppressor." said the magazine's editor Maude Motanyane. "But now we are accepted, even Zwelakhe Sisulu (son of African National Congress veteran Walter Sisulu) drives an

For some, like the richest black businessman in South Africa, Richard Maponya, who owns the BMW dealership in Soweto, wealth and respectability have taken him away from Soweto to the prosperous white northern suburbs of Johannesburg.

When the Group Areas Act, which restricts races to certain areas, is eventually lifted, there are fears that well-to-do blacks will abandon the township to those who cannot afford to move and condemn Soweto indefinitely to sub-class status.

Asked about the threat to the township's future, Mr Mandela said: "When Archbishop Tutu had the chance to move into an

affluent white area he chose to remain among his own people here in Soweto.

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"The blacks in Soweto won't move into white suburbs overnight, many don't have the money and others don't have the inclination."

Certainly one man who will not budge is Mr Moloi.

"I will never leave Soweto," he said. "It is my dream that people will be allowed to build their own homes, run their businesses and turn this place into a proper city

"We ought to get rid of apartheid but that does not mean that all the races will start living together. You just have to look at Britain or the United States - in fact anywhere in the world. Christians don't live with Muslims, or Protestants with Catholics, or blacks with whites.

"I will be here to the end," he vowed. "I even have my grave ready here. I would not want to die

# **MUSEUMS**

# Homes for a missing Muse

ing those in Britain, set out to teach their visitors something. Learning is put before pleasure, which is another way of saving that museums have too many academically minded

This is most noticeable in art galleries, where paintings his domestic life was like and are still filed along walls what his contemporaries exactly as they were a century thought of him. Visitors leave ago, and visitors leave feeling confident they know as much that they had been studying about David d'Angers as anyfor an examination in art one else in the world. And an invigorating blend of zoo,

In the past 20 years, a is a revolution. number of pioneering museums on the Continent have change attitudes. This means industry, so that places such as not wilfully obscure. the Louvre, the Uffizi and the British Museum, which are Angers and St Idesbald seems essentially study warehouses, to be that the future of art no longer receive such a museums lies with places marked priority. The mu- which are small and conseum map of Europe needs centrate on a single artist with redrawing.
The Galerie David d'An-

gers, in Angers, western the same building, intellec-France, could be described as tualism, schools and movethe most important European art museum since the Second World War. Its curator, Vivienne Huchard, saw her opportunity.
Pierre-Jean David, the in-

spiration for the museum, was born in Angers six years before the French Revolution and made a name for himself as a designer of public monuments and medals. He is known as David d'Angers, to distinguish him from Jacques-Louis David, Napoleon's favourite

When he died in 1856, David left a large collection of plaster models of his bronze statues to his native town. These lay in the stores of the Musée des Beaux-Arts for almost 130 years until Mme Huchard thought of a way of putting them to good use.

Next to the Musée des Beaux-Arts was a ruined medieval church, roofless and

abandoned. Mme Huchard decided to restore the building and instal her army of plaster statues, creating a David d'Angers museum around them. "The plasters are the originals," she says. "The riginals," she says. "The ronzes in Paris and elsewhere re only copies."

But the statues are only a content of the late Ralph Moffat, a former regular in bronzes in Paris and elsewhere

are only copies.".

More artists and fewer academics - wonderful it would be if the the major European museums need new heart, Kenneth Hudson argues

he was, how he worked, what that, for an art museum, really You get much the same

feeling at the Paul Delvaux broken away from this tra-dition, in the belief that a the coast from Ostend. M museum's main task is to Delvaux, now in his nineties is a much-loved figure in appealing to the heart as much Belgium. His museum is not as the head. It also means a elitist; it assumes visitors will big shake-up in the tourist like the paintings, which are

> The lesson to be learnt from local associations. As soon as several artists have to share common man goes elsewhere. Museums have allowed heads of visitors. How

people on their staffs and too able museum offers is a com-few artists and poets. themselves to be prisoners of their titles for too long. But the beginning. What this remark- themselves to be prisoners of barriers are gradually coming down.

Emmen, a small town in the north-east of The Netherlands, has one of Europe's great pioneering museums, the Noorder Dierenpark. It is natural history museum, ethnographical museum and conservation centre, based on the conviction that man and other living creatures are interdependent,

nder the guidance of another museum genius, Aleid Rensen-Oosting, the museum has enjoyed a spectacular growth in popularity during the past 20 years. The Noorder Dierenpark is a crusading museum, not an academic retreat, and it provides a quickfire series of bright, well-designed exhibitions to encourage frequent return visits. There are no cases; elephants and giments take over and the raffes stroll about together and exotic butterflies settle on the

EARTHQUAKE SURVIVAL: A plaque from Samuel Moore's Wear pottery which survived the San Francisco earthquake has just gone on show in Sunderland, Made last century, it shows prospectors panning for gold in California. Sunderland Museum, Borough Road, Sunderland (091 5141235). Admission free. Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-

OFF THE RACKS: A selection of the 250 items acquired for the municipal art collection in Stoke-on-Trent since 1979. Artists from wide range of watercolours come out of the

storeroom. Stoke-on-Trent Museum Stoke-on-Trent Museum and Art Gallery, Hanley, Staffordshire (0782 202173). Admission free. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm. Until April 1. ON PARADE: More than

the Somerset Light Infantry. Salisbury Museum, The Kings House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wittshire (0722 332151). Adult 21.50, concessions £1, child 50p. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Until April 10

CENTENARY CELEBRATION: Birds, GELEBRATION: Birds, butterfiles, minerals and fossils in a centenary show. Booth Museum of Natural History, Dyke Road, Brighton, Sussex (0273 552586). Admission free. Open Mon-Wed and Fri-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Until September 2.

TILE TREASURES: Two

outstanding groups of ceramics — a selection from the 400 tin-glazed specimens from the Jonathan Home collection, mainly from the 18th century, and 1863 scenes from *Cinderella* told in Arts and Crafts style by Morris Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 2070001). Admission free. Mon-Sat 10am-Spm, Sun 2-Spm, Permanent exhibition.

Natural History Museum and the Museum of Mankind in London were to move their public exhibitions to a more modest and suitable building in Regent's Park Zoo. Until the Seventies, indus-

trial and technical museums were precisely that. Then Peter Schirmbeck, at Rüsselsheim, near Frankfurt, smashed the mould. He broadened the concept of an industrial museum and showed that national trends could be more effectively illustrated in local terms. Rüsselsheim is where Opel

cars are made. Herr Schirmbeck used the fact to create a new type of industrial museum. He showed, in an impressionistic style, what the small town was like in the 1870s before Adam Opel arrived to build his factory, and what the factory had done to change the lives of local

Today, there are certainly more poets in Continental museums, more people with the courage and ability to select telling images. This is nowhere better illustrated than at Heidenheim, near Stuttgart, in the new Museum of Coaches, Carriages, Carts

and Wagons.
The display here has been selected and arranged to place horse-drawn transport within its social context, showing how changes in transport have affected people's habits and thinking. Care has been taken to provide variety, interest and drama in the presentations and to ensure the museum reveals a sense of history, not merely a series of objects.
In the art of selection and of

making every exhibit in a museum work hard, the Swedes and the West Germans are making the running. It is no accident that both are wealthy countries, and not afraid to throw things away. The impoverished British, by contrast, are lagging behind. We are the people who lumber ourselves with enormous suitcases when we go on

holiday because we cannot

decide what to leave behind.

The ability to prune hard, to be simple, and to rely on symbols are the marks of an dvanced culture. ● Kenneth Hudson is director of the European Museum of the Year Award. His Cambridge Guide to the Museums of Europe will be published later this year.

# **COLLECTING**

# Peter Philp reports on the enduring attraction of duelling weapons

Pistols to

fight for

s things to collect, duelling pistois fall into the fearsome but fascinating category. The thought of two men standing back to back, taking 10 paces and turning to fire at each other in the name of honour still sparks off a frisson, however much you may agree with Queen Victoria who, in 1844, was said to be "desirous of devising some expedient by which the barbarous practice of duelling should be as much

as possible discouraged".

Legally, anyone found guilty of killing his opponent was a murderer and should have been sentenced to be hanged, but very few British juries were willing to convict. In the reign of George III (1760-1820), 172 duels were fought in Britain, of which 91 ended in death. Confrontations were commonplace between army officers and newspaper editors, instead of having to defend expensive libel actions, were often called out to settle matters quickly and cheaply. In 1821 the editor of the London Magazine, John Scott, died in a duel, and in 1835 Mr Black of the Morning Chronicle had to face an irate reader.

On the Continent, duels of aconour (as distinct from early indicial combats and trials by battle) were fought from the 15th century onwards, often for frivolous reasons: a Neapolitan aristocrat faced 14 opponents to uphold his claim that Dante was a finer poet than Ariosto. He later confessed that he had never read works by either of them. In England, it was only after the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 that, following a lead from France, duelling became a fashionable way of settling

(est £4,000-£5,000). Henry Spencer & Sons, 20 The Square, Retford,

Nottinghamshire (0777 708633). Sale: Mon 11am.

STICKING POINT: Private

collection of jewelled stickpins. Largely Victorian, the 78 lots include stags' and horses' heads, bears, squirrels and

a salmon (est £90-£120/£250-

2300). Also an attractive

polychrome cloisonné

pistols are richly decorated with carving, engraving and silver mounts, the purposebuilt duelling weapon was SALES GUIDE

Pistols for two: flintleck duelling weapons made by John Twigg circa 1785, sold by Christie's South Kensington for £4.800 From that time pistols more often plain, with brown began to enjoy preference over or blue barrels that did not

swords, because the earlier, somewhat unreliable types of firing mechanism — match-lock, wheel lock and snaphaunce — had been largely replaced by the flintlock. The first known example of this type of weapon was made for Louis XIII circa 1610-15 by an artist-crafts-man, Marin le Bourgeoys of Lisieux. By about 1700 it had come into general use

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distract the marksman's eye by reflecting light. Some had rifled bores, but these were considered unsporting by dedicated duellists. Some, however, were sufficiently devious to have pistols made with rifling that stopped a few inches short of the muzzle, so that, on cursory inspection, it would pass unnoticed. On firing the flintlock pro-

duced live sparks which gave a throughout Europe. warning to a wary target and made it unreliable in wet weather. To overcome these difficulties, a Scottish clergyman, Alexander Forsyth, de-vised a method that he

fulminate to set off the charge. This proved unsuitable for the flintlock, but experiments led to the invention of the percussion cap pistol, for which a well-known gun-maker, lo-d seph Egg, claimed the credit. In fact, a number of gon-

smiths contributed variations and improvements that, when applied to the duelling pistol, made it a deadly, all-weather weapon, justifying Queen Victoria's concern about the number of her soldiers and politicians who were being killed or maimed in duels.

A fine pair of pistols commands more than double the price of a single specimen, but a good shot may feel it safe to economize by buying only ont - a late-17th century flintlock holster pistol, perhaps, for about £500, against £3,000-£5,000 for a fine pair of 18th or early-19th century duelling pistols by a well-known maker.

The faking of antique fire arms has become a small but important branch of the atmaments industry, and a though I have heard no loud reports concerning cases of disputed authenticity ending in the traditional demand for "pistols for two and coffee for one", it is safest to buy from reputable specialists in the

• Specialist auctioneers: Wallis & Wallis, West Street Auction Galleries, Lewes, Sassex (0273 480208); Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 (01-58)

• Specialist dealers: Michael German, 38b Kensington Church Street, W8 (01-937) 2771); Arbour Antiques, Poets' Arbour, Sheep Str Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 293453).

enamel (est £3,000-£4,000). Phillips, 1 Old King Street, Bath (0225 310609/310709). Viewing: today 9am-1pm, Mon 9-10.30am. Sale: Mon LIGHT FANTASTIC: Hall Interns, wall sconces and chandeliers are included in this sale of light fittings and furniture. Also an unusual George III oval Pembroke table (2800-21,200), handsome Edwardian Carlton House desk by Edwards and Roberts (est £4.000-25.000) COIN CAVALCADE:

Ancient, English and fine coins, commemorative medals and bank notes. Some gold coins from Dutch and Spanish wrecks. Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SWI (01-839 9060) Viewing: Sun 2-5pm, Mon 9am-4pm. Sale: Tues Mon 9am-4pm. S 10am and 2pm.

GLASS GALORE: A 61-lot collection of English drinking glasses opens this auction of European glass and cararrics (ests £140-£160/2500-£600). Probably the most expensive will be a wine glass with an opaque twist stem enamelled in the Beilby workshops with a vine border (£800-£1,000). Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 6602). Viewing: Sun 2-5pm, Mon and Tues 8.30am-4.30pm, Wed 8.30-10am. Sale: Wed 11am and 2-30pm. FINE FLOWERS: Botanical

most expensive will be a

prints from Dr Robert
Thornton's "Temple of
Flora" 1799-1807 are the
highlights. The 36 prints are
estimated to make between
£200-£300 and £2,000£3,000 £3.000

Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611). Viewing: Mon 1-7.30pm,

Tues 9am-5pm, Wed 9am-10am. Sale: Wed 2pm. SKI SUCCESS: A 7in-high sou success: A 7in-night clockwork model of a sider in blue and yellow is fikely to propel itself into the £800-£1,000 bracket on Thursday. Also toys, dolls, teddy bears, and Eastern carpets.

carpets.
Lawrence Fine Art, South
Street, Crewkerne, Somerset
(0460 73041). Viewing
today 9.30am-12.30pm, Tues
10am-7pm, Wed 10am4.30pm. Sale: Thurs 10am-

John Shaw

 On Wednesday The Times guide to entiques and collectables focuses on Oriental textiles and carpet

#### THE NED SHERRIN COLUMN

# Gloves off for an understudy

severely short on glamour.

have in my time been under-studied by Hermione Gingold and played (as narrator of Side By Side By Sondheim) by artists as varied as Peggy Lee, Dorothy Lamour, Russell Harry, Michael Aspel, Sheridan Morley and two glove puppets called Kukia and Ollie. But I had to wait until Saturday to be a stand-in myself - for Frank Warren, the gunned-down boxing promoter.

I have never met Mr Warren although I did once shake hands with Terry Marsh, the fighter accused of trying to arrange his death, a few years ago when he was made a Man of the Year.

I owed my new role to BBC Northern Ireland who had booked Mr Warren (suddenly indisposed) to appear on The Show, an ambitious late Saturday night enter-tainment which is transmitted from its Balmoral studio in Belfast. Two comperes and a host of actors conducted 75 minutes of satirical sketches, songs, interviews, badinage and general jollity.

It was my first visit to Ulster. My man in Deal had warned me that he was once lifted off the floor of a pub in Earls Court by the late Patrick Magee for using the word and not put down until he corrected it to the six counties", so I travelled cautiously. The journey from the airport skirted the top of the Falls Road but my visit was cocooned in

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car, hotel and studio. What did surprise me was the range of subjects covered in the sketches and the number of public figures mocked by the actors and impersonators. Ian Paisley, Gerry Fitt, Barry McGuigan, John Cole, Sir John Herman, Peter Brooke and Gerry Adams were all treated with scant respect, and the impersonation of Adams was wittily done as a soundless mime to accommodate

current broadcasting restrictions. My fellow guest was the film critic Alexander Walker. Over dinner he told me that in 1987 he judged an Ulster film festival. He spoke lyrically of The Best Man, the winning entry, produced by a Catholic priest. It has been shown on RTE but not on British screens. big or small. His enthusiasm made me think we are missing a gem.

I AM NOT a great fan of Irish jokes but John Junkin has one which he swears is true. He was touring with Neil Simon's play, The Odd Couple, and they reached Nottingham where Junkin and his co-star celebrated their successful opening not

visely but too well. When John retired late to bed in his hotel he dropped into a deep sleep. Half an hour later he became aware of a noise which, as he wrenched himself into consciousness, he recognized as a thunderous pounding on his bedroom door.

He groped his way blearly to open it and was confronted by the Irish night porter, who looked at him solicitously. "Excuse me, sir," he said, "are you the gentleman who's locked out of his room?"

THE STOLEN coaster mystery is ravaging BBC Radio. Suspects in this crime of the decade include Sir Anthony Jay, Alan Coren and his daughter Victoria who may have been working in tandem, Ray Davies of the Kinks, Carol Thatcher, Victoria Mather, Jools Holland, Andy Kershaw and John Walters, the senior Radio One producer. I have been interrogated but I am convinced of my

The victim of this dastardly crime is Caroline Millington, the dvnamic, crop-haired directrice of CAMP (BBC speak for Current Affairs Magazine Programmes). The missing objects which she prizes above Fabergé are cardboard coasters decorated with a cartoon of the Rt Hon Norman Tebbit, the man who sees the BBC as "a sunset home for third-rate minds and Red Queens". Mr Tebbit features on the coasters as Prospero with Ariel, in a parody of a famous BBC design.

Suspects gained access to Ms Millington's office during a party she threw to celebrate 200 editions of Loose Ends. When their revels ended their hostess discovered her loss. She has given Ian Gardhouse, ber producer, strict instructions to retrieve the valued coasters. Anyone having information about this crime should ring Mr Gardhouse. not Nick Ross.

NO ONE should complain about lack of variety in recent mainstream West End offerings. Of three recent first nights, Alan Ayckbourn's Man of the Moment at the Globe wins for confident marshalling of all the elements of a commercial hit. Exchange, the Russian play adapted by Michael Frayn at the Vaudeville. was more solemn but it eschewed those clouds of grey which Ira Gershwin assured us any Russian play can guarantee.

On the first night, a real drama limp old play never grasped the was played out on stage in tandem attention of a group which consisted with the written plot. Our attention largely of gossip columnists, critics, was riveted to a creaking basket media folk and showbiz lawyers. I chair which threatened to disintedid see Jade Jagger, and Ross grate in Act Two under the weight of Benson told me there were two the dying Colin Douglas. marquises upstairs, but it was not By the time it was Doreen much of a turn-out. Mantle's turn to expire on it the leading man, Martin Jarvis, had

Milton Shulman said he speut two weeks with Marilyn Monroe cleverly fixed some support but when she was filming Bus Stop in Miss Mantle still perched suspense-Phoenix, Arizona. She spent most fully on the edge.

The first night audience for Jerry
Hall's debut in Bus Stop was a of the time on the phone to Arthur Miller, but Shulman had the ear of

her press agent severe disappointment. It behaved At one point the president of the like the crowd of celebs we had Lettuce Growers of America wanted expected, prolonging the interval interminably in the bar and in social publicly to present Monroe with a crate of lettuce to celebrate an anniversary. When the publicist turned him down, the president suggested flying in a DC10 full of groups in the stalls, in spite of being Despite good performances, the the vegetable. Perhaps the Lettuce Growers of Great Britain should dispatch a Concorde full of Cos, Webb and Iceberg to Miss Hall?

> MY BARBER is back at his chair at the Park Lane Hotel after a nasty

> Jack has not yet got into his prolific Jewish joke stride yet nothing as good as ."Where there's smoke there's salmon" - but he did air the one about the king riding in his palace grounds who spotted his

Cantering across, he asked him if his mother had worked at the palace. "No," said the double, "but my father did."

#### DAVID GOWER

## If I were...

f I were Viv Richards, the West Indies cricket captain. I would not be too despondent, despite the fact that my much fancied team has just been on completely the wrong end of the First Test contest with

Of course, I would be aware that the local fans were none too impressed with our performance, particularly after our whitewash of the same opponents last time they were here. In the Caribbean we prefer to call it a blackwash.

Well, there won't be one of those this time. But I don't think anyone should make too much of this unexpected defeat. I still have a strong side and we are confident of resuming normal service long before the series is over. I might dwell for a moment on the fact that four members of this new England team were not born in the country they now represent. Batsmen Allan Lamb and Robin Smith come from South Africa, and two of their successful bowlers, Devon Malcolm and Gladstone Small, actually have their origins in the West Indies, in Jamaica and Barbados.

In recent years it is we West Indians who have been



#### ... Viv Richards

praised for the way we prepare for matches through fitness and practice. Now I notice the English are proving the worth of these same qualities. I would remind my team of the desirability of setting the standard again immediately.

In the next breath I might slip it to Malcolm

Marshall that he looked a little tired and under-prepared in Jamaica, not because I believe it, but because it might make him just that bit angrier for the next contest.

Before that next Test, I might even have a proper net practice myself instead of just taking Dennis, the Australian physiotherapist, on to the edge of the field for a gentle knock up, like a First World War lieutenant and his batman making light of the latest enemy

n second thoughts, I might decide against setting this energetic example to the troops. With my 109 Test matches, the best part of 8,000 Test runs and an average of 51 runs a match, I might stick with whatever makes me happy. And I can't wait to prove the point on my next visit to the

The next Test match is to be played on about the best batting wicket in the Caribbean. Just to show I was taking things a little seriously. I might even consider raising myself in the batting order, from number six which seems to be the compulsory position for senior West Indies captains.

One thing is certain: no one will find me downhearted. That is not what being a West Indian has taught me to be. My 38th birthday is next week on the day of the fourth one-day international. I intend to celebrate that day with a win, weather permitting, and set the scene for the start of the Test match three days

What is more, if that nice Mr Gower, who used to lose all those Tests to me, has managed to lay his hands on a bottle of Bollinger somewhere, that might help

#### **CAMPUS**

## Stand up for the union

n the weeks following one of the best attended general meetings, Birming-ham University Guild of Students has ever seen (approximately 90 per cent voted in favour of staying affiliated to the National Union of Students), it is worth reflecting on what students want and expect from our national union. Ninety per cent is a conclusive majority and one which should cause critics of the NUS to ask themselves why students should support the evils it supposedly

The record of the NUS is hard to dispute. It provides subbatical officers throughout the country with specialized briefings on various subjects. It trains student union officers on everything from negotiation to how to conduct academic appeals. Through the National Students Services Organization, for NUS members, student unions save thousands of pounds through bulk buying.

What of the malignant evil which we are wanted can undermine the very fabric of our nation? What of the closed shop? Those who use the argument about compulsory membership to attack the NUS betray their ignorance. The NUS is a federation made up of member unions. This

don't just do campaigning work. The NUS needs more Birmingham students have voted to back the NUS, says Kerry Bretherton

All I'm saying is the N.U.S., were around in 1984 and Orwell wasn't.

that other revolutionary and reactionary organization, the dim and distant days of my childhood, a referendum was held to discuss whether this country should join the EC. I've never heard anyone seriously suggest that only those who wanted Britain to join the EC should become members. People accept that the benefits of membership are gained by the country and it is simply not practical for me to be a member of the EC and you not to be a member. I could not say to a student at Birm-

puts it in the same category as would only help them with an academic appeal if they were a member of the NUS. The European Community. In the critics of the NUS ought to take a look at the real world and work on constructive suggestions for improving the student welfare network.

Of course, there are times when the NUS is its own worst enemy. Fortunately, it is finally realizing the importance of public relations. The National Fun Run it is organizing in aid of Oxfam projects in Southern Africa is to be held on the Birmingham University campus on March 11. This event will show the ingham University that I public that student unions

independents. Students at Birmingham University have expressed their overwhelming support for the NUS and I hope their faith is rewarded. The author is president of

> terested in charitable organizations? Would they say that Italians were materialistic? Who was this angry English-woman with a perpetual bee in her bonnet?

> the Birmingham University

Guild of Students.

members like Cosmo Hawkes,

Easter, will elect a new nat-

ional executive. Fortunately,

for the first time in many years

a strong group of indepen-

dents is challenging for many of the key positions, including president. If public percep-tions of the NUS are to

improve and the union is to

maintain its credibility, then

students must recognize that

student wings of national pol-

itical parties are dated and

redundant. A Labour presi-

dent negotiating with a Conservative government or a Conservative president nego-

tiating with a Labour govern-

ment doesn't seem very

logical. An independent would

realistically be able to speak

on behalf of all students, and

would crush those arguments

that suggest NUS is too party

politicized. I favour Cosmo

Hawkes for the next president

of the NUS and I hope our

union will be run by

The next conference, at

organizer of this event.

newspaper. One sentence in particular stood out. The Government urged the privatization of all old people's homes, and "chents" must pay for the services they receive. Things in England were equally grim. It was a relief to admit as much. I brought in articles to show my conversation group. They were not surprised; but next time, could I please find a

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**TOMORROW IN** 

his time last year I bought a copy of Yeats's collected poems and set myself the task of reading at least six or seven poems a day.

This wasn't so much the New Year resolution of a would-be intellectual, as that of a terrified finalist. October found me in the postgraduate world of TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) standing before a room of Italian men aged between 18 and 40. And if this had been my dream six or seven years ago, it certainly Masu ( any more.

Perhaps the greatest lesson to be learned from living in n country where you don't speak the language is that without the control of that potency you are very small indeed. I was, without doubt, the smallest

### esson in humility

undergoing one enormous lesson in humility.

Asti is a provincial town in the vine-growing region of Predmont, northern Italy. I hadn't been there long before I became aware of the mutability of the word "provincial". From England, it had meant truly "italian", small and friendly, a real community everything it needed to be for me to forgive it for not being

Florence, Venice or Rome. But once installed, I woke up to find that most of the charm had gone. "Provincial" meant claustrophobic, proud, insular, and not a little sus-

person in Asti, and I was picious of outsiders. "There is a saying," Paolo said, "that the Piedmontese have a false smile. You mustn't take offence; they are suspicious of their neighbours, let alone a foreigner.

My students were intrigued. "You had the whole of Italy before you," they said, "and you chose Asti. Why?" Why, The cold weather brought

out the fur coats and made the beggars with empty boxes more obvious. Friday's conversation group was time for me to air my disgust. What was the social security system in Italy? Were people in-

On my way to visit a friend in Ivrea, I found an English

copy of The Sun?

• The author is a graduate from

#### **EATING OUT**

## Pomp and pomposity

Jonathan Meades dines on ceremony and witnesses the antiquated ritual

of the tripartite synchronized dome lift

n order, no doubt, to remind its customers that it is named after the local and tubercular poet (and not, say, after Don Scallywag" Keats, metal bro-ker of Tottenham Hale), Keats has loaded its interior with shelves of books. Very tasteful. A restaurant named after Don could do itself out with lumps of sump, bales of swarf, swags of chain. But John demands sensitive treatment. So there are not only books but portraits (why Gladstone?), terracotta busts, prints, etc. The dining-rooms are high ceilinged and their tongue and groove walls are painted in crackleeffect - an undercoat of brick red has applied to it a coat of dirty cream into which is mixed an agent that makes it dry so quickly it does not fully cover the undercoat. The result apes ancient, peeling, weathered paint or the site of a fire. There is also a load of highly patterned carpet and a few furlongs of curtain tied by thick, tassled dressing gown cord. It's rather dim, lit only by lights above each portrait. The sum of all this is a precious and faintly kitsch rendering of a country house library, a discreet set for a telly programme about connoisseurship, fine bindings and arty arcana. It does not make for a particularly relaxed atmosphere. Although the tables are well spaced, people tend to whisper; the illusion of a library (or something other than a restaurant) is so potent that punters probably begin to believe that they are dining in such a room and behave accordingly. This is abetted by the service, which is the far side of formal. The synchronized lifting of domes from dishes is a bore and should be eschewed. So, indeed, should domes; they had a function to fulfil when kitchens were separated from dining-rooms by draughty corridors, but in a modern restaurant (albeit one which seeks to recreate an ersatz past) they are embarrassing encumbrances. Similarly the practice of not allowing diners to pour their own wine is a genteel anachronism that should be quashed. There is a difference between serving staff refilling empty glasses from a bottle on the table and the ritual fetching of a bottle from halfway across the diningroom to pour therefrom only a finger of wine. I doubt if the Keats is much good for the nerves of either punters or staff. And it certainly does little to promote appreciation of the fine and confident cooking Equally, the cere-mony seems to militate against utility: one of the people I was dining with was brought cheese as his main course. Quite what occasioned this aberration is a puzzle. What it meant was that all our main courses were taken back to the kitchen so that the staff would not be denied the chance of a tripartite sychronized dome lift. The maûre was energetically apologetic about this both at the time and after we had finished, when he said: "Can I please you with something - a Cognac, perhaps ... " The very locution - Can I please you - seems indicative of the problem this place has in reaching an accord with its customers. In speech, as in behaviour, the colloquial has an easing effect, the strenuously formal has

This sort of service is a courteous

version of that which is to be experienced in many hotels. The cooking has tendencies in that direction, too. It is elaborate; and most of the dishes would fail in the hands of a lesser chef because of the sheer number of components. But the fellow here has a sure touch and a sound tongue. With one exception the dishes were balanced and well flavoured and possessed a definite edge. The exception was raviolis filled with celeriac and parsley good in themselves but rather spoiled by a sauce whose syrupy texture overcame the alleged fla-vour of truffles. Otherwise the cooking was consistently pleasing. Steamed sole is sauced with red caviare and blackish caviare and makes one see the point of what is a persistently over-rated fish. Wild mushrooms are fried with artichoke heart and accompanied by a tomato vinaigrette. Beef fillet is served with a baby turnip, a potato latke and shallot that has been steeped in red wine. Skate comes with a verdant crust of herbs and a red wine sauce. Main courses are served with sideplates of boring vegetables. A sort of brandysnap collar is filled with berries and two sauces, a yellow one and a red one, vanilla and raspberry, maybe. Meagre portions of cheese are accompanied by an ceremony surrounding dinner at aromatically dressed salad.



This kind of cooking is decidedly not in the van of fashion; indeed, it is now getting to be the exception rather than the rule it was five or so vears ago. Even when there were numerous chefs essaying this idiom there were not that many that got it so right as Herbert Berger does here.

need to reiterate that the place is not to my taste, but that prejudice doesn't blind me to the likelihood that devotees of pomp and formality will consider Keats to be a leader in its field. By any standards the cooking is good, and by the standards of "special occasion" restaurants it is outstanding. Peripheral items are notable, too - nice walnut bread, wellconfected sweets with coffee. There are no obvious bargains on a sound wine list. With half a bottle of Poully and a decent bottle of Bandol, the bill for three was £123. Two will pay about £80.

Heddon Street is a cul-de-sac off Regent's Street. It is associable with

KEATS **** 3a Downshire Hill, London NW3 (01-435 1499/3544) Lunch and dinner Tues to Sat. £80.

COPPER CHIMNEY 13 Heddon Street, London WI (01-Lunch and dinner Mon to Sat. £50.

Major cards.

a poet of a different sort to John Keats, perhaps no poet at all -David Bowie. It was here that Mr Bowie, wearing an all-in-one quilted body stocking, was, 18 years ago, photographed for the cover of his Ziggy Stardust record. After that momentous night. Heddon Street slipped back into an obscurity from which the Copper Chimney has failed to deliver it. If restaurants succeeded on cooking alone, the Copper Chimney would be cele-brated and Heddon Street with it; but, famously, they aren't. The importance of extra-gastronomic factors is often regrettable. In the case of the Copper Chimney they are regrettable, but understandable. First, its site is unpromising -Heddon Street does not attract Bowie fans the way Abbey Road amracts Beatles fans; there is no casual trade, not that it is the sort of restaurant which would rely on casual trade. Second, it is windowless, large and curiously dis-spiriting. Third, the service is offhand to the point of insolence; without speaking, the manager gestured that we should sit down in the bar area; he then sloped off and shrugged when I called after him asking for a drink. He has clearly chosen a staff in his own image. Ten minutes to get a drink despite gesturing, calling to waiters, going over to them and so on. Another 10 minutes while a cocktail operative knocked up two horrors that tasted like liquorice. Then a curt order to get to the table which, like every other table, felt horribly exposed. A modicum of

thought has been expended on applied decoration - grossly en-larged photos from Raj albums, "stone-effect" pillars; no thought has been expended on the layout of the place. A further protracted wait, this one alleviated by the comedy of the menu: "The dhaba is an eating place typically found on the high ways of the Punjab and favoured by

FRANCIS MOSLEY

burly truck drivers." Now, I may not know much about burly truck drivers in the Punjab, but I'm pretty certain that at their truckstops they don't get cooking of the standard of the Copper Chimney. On the other hand, they probably get what they order rather more quickly. Two hours over a two-course meal is an hour and a bit too long, even if the food is good. From the truckstop part of the menu came a biscuit-like savoury with chutney and shredded wheat. Fine, but you get the same in any subcontinental vegetarian caff for a quarter of the price. The other dishes would not be found in any case, and only a very sew other restaurants could match the standard of this place's chilli-infused fish bouillon or its tandoori fish or a creamy, musky, deep-flavoured dal of black beans. The vindaloo here is certainly a throat ripper, but it probably bears more resemblance to the Goanese vinegar-powered original than most you'll find. There's also a tasty stew of okra and chickpeas, which elevates the former veg to unusual heights. With two lagers, two lassis and no tip, the bill for two was £45.10.

#### DIRECTORY

Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooking rather than swags and chandellers. Prices are for a three-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of Emph places that in the case of Columbus 8 Egerton Gardens Mews, London SW3 (01-589 8287) French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only

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tournedos Rossini with a cake of celeriac that has been cooked with smoked pork to enhance its flavour; mullet with a herby vinalgratie; lamb with couscous; fantastical sweets in blinding colours. The wines are pricay and predictable. A great restaurant and one which teeds as well as delights. £120.

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**AMERICAN** 

Ed's Easy Diner 16 High Street, Hampstead, London NW3 (01-431 1958) **

The phone number gets it right. This is a pestiche of anywhere in America in 1958 seen through the eyes of a video maker or ad director - chrome, plastic and Elvis. The burgers and milkshakes are all right but, no doubt, it is the feel rather than the food that is of moment. Ideal for 40-year-olds reliving their tentasy childhood. 220. (There are also branches in Old Compton Street, W1 and King's Road, SW3.)

Sticky Fingers Troy Court, Phillimore Gardens, London W8 (01-938 5338)

Bill Wyman's restaurant is a shrine to himself and to the rest of the Rolling Stones — photos, news clippings, gold discs, guitare; there's nothing that can't be put in a frame. It's a loud and pretty frantic place: part burger-joint, part spare-ribs-diner, part calun-shack. By the standards of such pastronomic subcultures it's not gastronomic subcultures it's not too bad at all. 240 plus.

Stylish, adobe-like basement serving rather questionable Californian dishes (chicken tandon) pizza, porilita lasagne, pasts with black bean sauce) and one or two good French ones such as flamk steak with shallots and lamb rack. \$250-250.

Kenny's 70 Heath Street, London NW3 (01-435 6972)

大士 Cajur restaurant with loud cajur music. Good cocktalls, good beers, and some good cocktalls, good beers, and some good cocking. The ubliquitous better tastes like corn chips from a packet. There is little variety in the spicing, most dishes taste pretty much the same, i.e., hot and aggressive. £50.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Flynn's 3 Fountain Street, Nailsworth (045383 5567)

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A pretty unpromising setting — the first floor of a dreary office building in a rather messy Cotswold village. And the place itself is hardly remarkable. But the cooking is treshly thought-out, accomplished in its execution and generously portioned. Fish tends to be a cut or two above the meat: squid with ginger sauce, halibut with caper's and peppers, monkfish with a warm vinaignette. The puddings are quite nice, too. £45-£50.

Redmond's at Malvern View Cleave Hill, nr Cheltenham (024 267 2017)

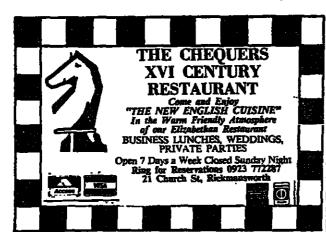
**** Redmond Hayward made his name with a little restaurant in Cheltenham. He and his wife have now taken over a modest hotel outside the town on the Cotswold outside the town on the Cotswold outside the town on the Cotswold decarpment. The views are terrific and so is the cooking—It is assured, restrained, original and delicious. Sicate feetilest with ginger and inne butter sauce, beef fillet with garlic punée and parsley and mustimoom sauce, chicken with verilla and orange, goet's cheese ravioli with tomato and garlic, hot banane soutité, lemon tart with honey sauce. Commendable cheeses, unusual wines from the "other" American states. 255-260. There are also reasonably pricad noons.

BATH

Hinton Charterhouse, near Bath, Avon (0225 723731) The friendliest and most comforting of "country house" hotels. The early Victorian building overlooks the Avon valley. The staff is remarkable and the cooking is of real distinction — substantial dishes are given a light bouch and the results are totally commendable. Lightly smoked haddock is done with lentite that have been cooked with bacch, lamb is often a with bacon, lamb is given a hazemut crust and is served with potato and cream gratin so unctuously delicious it deserves to

be a course on its own, the wines are impressive. 250 lunch, 270

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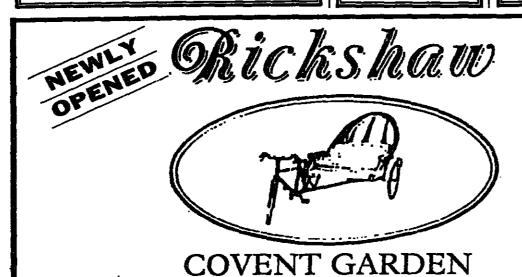
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## Still putting on the Kitz

Charles Hennessy

takes tea and much more at the intoxicatingly theatrical Ritz

f you are offered a diamond as big as the Ritz you would be well advised to specify the Paisian establishment of that name. Its London sister, hough perfectly formed, is, as grand hotels go, of comparatively modest size. To César Ritz it was a "small house to which I am proud to see my name attached".

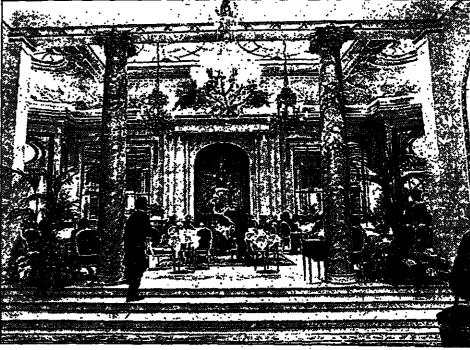
The Ritz, serene but not forbidding on its site overlooking Piccadilly and Green Park, is undeniably ritzy. It is also, among London's great hotels, the most intoxicatingly theatrical and is unmistakably French in aspect and style, inside and out. Its roof evokes the Na-poleonic additions to the Louvre, its arcade is a sort of truncated Rue de Rivoli and its interior is Louis Seize

throughout.

Like the Paris Ritz before it, it was designed by a Frenchman from Alsace, Charles Mewes, and a Paris-educated Englishman, Arthur Davis. Both were products of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts, the most influential architectural school of the time. But this formal, complex and beautifully organized building was also revolutionary. Its steel frame construction — clad with Norwegian granite on the ground floor, Portland stone above - was an American invention and was the first of its kind in London.

Walk into the Ritz today
"Everybody is excited to go to
he Ritz," said Lord favistock, who made a habit of it) and you are confronted just as you would have been in 1906, when it opened its doors - by a series of interiors as unified in design as any by Robert Adam or the masters of art nouveau.

It is best approached by the Arlington Street entrance. The cakes at Gunters were From here you walk parallel to Piccadilly, past the Winter Garden (now known as the takers today might care to Palm Court) with its extravaeantly-sculpted fountain in just by the balustrade in those



The Ritz ten bere is the last delicious morsel of Edwardian London, according to one historian

Echaillon marble, panelled high chairs looking on to the mirrors, glass roof and grace-vestibule". If you want to fully drooping fronds, among which nestle groups of gilded chairs (Louis XVI, of course, designed by Mewes and Davis and executed by Waring & Gillow). This is where you take tea.

You proceed in stately fash-ion down the long corridor to the restaurant, which is the climax of the whole building and offers a greater richness of material than elsewhere. Melting polychromatic marbles with poetic names: Breche d'Alep, Rosé de Norvège and Verte de Suède. Sumptuous chandeliers linked to each other around the room by a chain of bronze garlands, so that the whole place seems to be permanently en fele. A trompe-l'oeil ceiling, blue sky and pink-tinged clouds. Over the lot presides Neptune and

After the First World War, with competition from new night-clubs, the Ritz lost its place as the hub of night-time London, but at tea-time it reigned supreme. Barbara Cartland recalls that the Palm Court was "the place for tea. The cakes at Gunters were note that "the best spot was

his Nereid.

vestibule". If you want to corner it, you could have a quiet word with the genial Michael Twomey, 40 years at the Ritz and master of ceremonies at this daily rite. Helen Simpson, in her Ritz Book of Afternoon Tea, describes tea here as "the last

delicious morsel of Edwardian London". The light is kind, she writes, the cakes frivolous and the tempo caim, confident, leisurely. The chairs are rose-coloured, the tables marble, the china blue and white, the tea Darjeeling or Earl Grey. De-crusted moist finger sandwiches filled with little fishy or eggy somethings are followed by scones (baked that afternoon) with Devonshire cream and jam and then "airy and Frenchified cakes This is one of the few places

(our historian notes), apart from church or Royal garden parties, where a woman may wear a hat and feel entirely at ease. When I was there the other day the women weren't wearing hats - but they looked

as if they were.
You can't have mobs of people in the Ritz, so these days there are two sittings, at 3pm and 4pm, and you have to book. You pay £11.50 a head, hatted or not.

same Palm Court. And if you choose the right night, the band will be none other than Vile Bodies, led by swinging Humphrey Carpenter, the distinguished biographer of C. S. Lewis, W. H. Auden and Evelyn Waugh.

Waugh particularly admired the way the Ritz cloak-room attendant, without benefit of numbered tickets, banded him his own hat. One

you could have a glass of

champague at the adjacent bar

that, perhaps because it be-

strides the central corridor, is much more animated than the

usual fusty hotel bar. And if

you want to linger after that.

you can dine in the restaurant

looking out on the Ritz garden

and the park. Diners once included Noel Coward (who

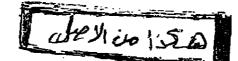
composed a number called "Children of the Ritz") and

Nancy Mittord and John Betjeman and all the Sitwells and Cecil Beaton and Evelyn

If you dine on Friday or

Saturday you can dance afterwards, until lam, to the music of a big band, in that very same Palm Court. And if you

handed him his own hat. One day, when the man was not around, Waugh (comfortable by then in his country squire persona) served himself. On the brim of his hat he found a small card bearing the single word "Florid". They have a If you care to linger after tea way with them at the Ritz.



#### THE TIMES COOK

Frances Bissell uses the invigorating flavours of dandelions and nettles to prepare cleansing tonics that will spring you into the next season

ntil relatively recently, carly spring was always seen as a time not only for giving the house a thorough spring-clean, but for giving the body a spring-clean, too. Tonics for the hair, the skin, the blood and the digestive system were made up in the still room or the kitchen to be consumed by the members of the household with varying degrees of effectiveness.

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**LOUGESTY** Rundy

No wonder such potions were considered necessary. As well as the bland Lenten diet, there was very little variety or availability of fresh foods, and the only fish and meat available had quite likely been heavily salted to preserve it. We need no such tonics today, with the richly varied diet of fresh meat and fish, abundance of vitamin-rich fruit and vegetables for eating raw or cooked, not to mention all the exotic pulses, pastas, cereals, herbs and spices that are available to us. Still, we like to eat heavier, more comforting food in winter, and probably far more meat and fat than we need. For today's recipes, I have taken some of those tonic ideas and used them in ways we can

A country walk might yield some young dandelion leaves and nettles. Both of these have a marvellously invigorating flavour, with a real taste of the wild. Pick well away from roadsides, however, to ensure that your booty has not been drenched in petrol fumes.

If you decide on nettles, pick only the tender top-most shoot and leaves. The coarse lower leaves and the stalk contain toxins. Use gloves to avoid being stung, but if you do inadvertently get caught, remember that rubbing with a dock leaf is an antidote, and these usually grow nearby. Rubbing with sage or rosemary leaves is also said to relieve nettle rash. As well as nettle soup, I have come across other recipes for this essentially rustic ingredient. In Burgundy, snails are served with a rich green nettle ragout by one of the region's top chefs. In Liguria, a light ravioli is stuffed with a purée of nettles mixed with ricotta and

pine nuts. I have included a pasta recipe today, a rather special dish suitable for the main course of a dinner party that carnivores and vegetarians alike will enjoy. If you are cooking it for vegetarians, you will need to take care with the cheeses you use and look for those containing vegetarian rennet rather than the usual rennet derived from animal sources. Traditional cheese-making on farms in Britain has produced a wealth of excellent and interesting

# Taste of the wild side

cheeses, many of them suitable for vegetarians. Ewes' cheese and goats' cheese, as well as cows' milk cheese, are available in a range of textures and fat contents - low,. medium and full-fat, pressed and unpressed cheeses, hard, semihard and soft, many of them made with vegetarian renner. The best guide to help you track down these very special cheeses is a booklet called "On-Farm Cheese Makers of England and Wales". It is available from Alistair Jackson, Specialist Markets Department, MMB. Thames Dutton, Surrey KT7 OEL. Enclose a cheque for £7.50 made payable to Milk Marketing Board. This 80-page guide also includes details of mailorder and farm shops, as well as a section on handling and storing cheese. Readers in Scotland should contact the Scottish Milk Marketing Board, Underwood Road, Paisley, Ayrshire PA3 1TJ. Back to the theme of spring

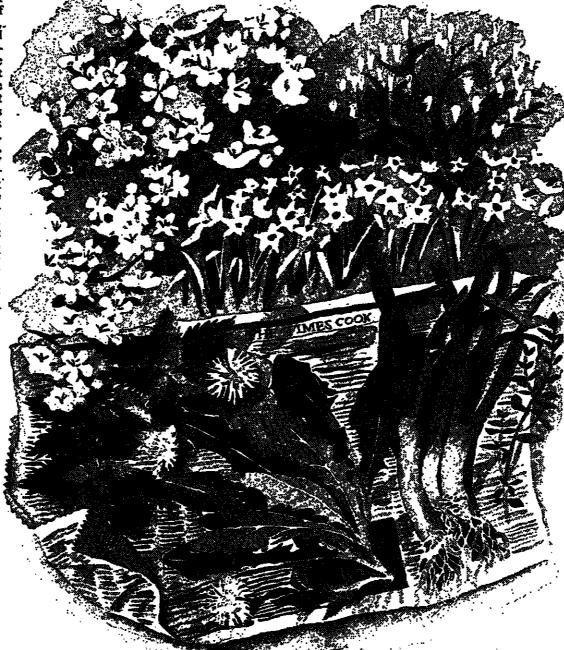
tonics; rich creamy desserts and hot steamy puds seem quite out of place. A large bowl of sliced kiwi fruit with a squeeze of fresh orange juice would be a light and refreshing finish to an early spring meal. If you chill the fruit and prepare it just before serving, it will still be bursting with vitamins. One kiwi fruit contains more than the adult's recommended daily allowance of vitamin C. Once they are soft and ripe, I dislike that slightly opulent, corrupt flavour, so I always use them while they are still firm and tart.

Spring soup (Serves 4 to 6)
2 leeks, white part only
2 celery stalks
1/230g rhubarb
1 bay leaf
4 cloves
11/2-2pt/850ml-1.15i stock
salt
white pepper
pinch of powdered mace

chopped parsley

Note: If you use vegetable stock in this and the following recipe, they make dishes that vegetarians will eniov.

Trim the outer leaves from the leeks, and slice them with the celery and rhubarb. Rinse thoroughly and drain. Put them in a saucepan with the bay leaf, cloves and stock. Bring to the boil, and then process, blend or rub through



a sieve into a clean saucepan. Bring back to the boil, season to taste, and pour into soup bowls. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

To make a more substantial soup add a potato to the rest of the vegetables. The soup can be enriched by stirring in cream before serving, but that rather defeats the purpose of the sharp cleansing flavour of the rhubarb.

#### Nettle and barley soup

(Serves 6 to 8)
11/2-pt/850ml to 1.15l stock
2oz/60g pearl barley
sprig of sage
1 bay leaf
3oz/85g fresh young nettle tops
salt
pepper

Bring the stock to the boil, and throw in the barley and herbs. Lower the beat, and simmer until the barley is tender. Remove the herbs. Roughly chop the nettles, and put in the pot. Bring to the boil, simmer for two to three minutes, season to taste, and serve immediately.

Spinach and dandelion salad (Serves 4 to 6)

## 1/2/230g fresh young spinach

a few handfuls of fresh young dandelion leaves 2 spring onions or 1 thsp chopped

1 tbsp sherry vinegar

pepper

Remove the rind, and cut the bacon into matchsticks. Put in a small heavy frying pan, and cook gently until the fat is rendered. Meanwhile, quickly wash the greens, and shake or towel them dry. Tear the spinach into man-ageable pieces if necessary. Slice the spring onions, and put all the greens in a salad bowl. Raise the heat under the bacon to crisp it off. and pour fat and bacon over the salad, and turn the leaves in it to coat them well. Add sherry vinegar, salt and pepper, and turn the salad again before serving. Use a cheese containing veg-

etable rennet to make this lasagna suitable for vegetarians. The sauces can be made the day before required. If it is more convenient, the lasagna can be assembled two to three hours in advance and refrigerated until you are ready to bake it. It is worth making plenty of tomato sauce, as any surplus can be kept for another day.

#### Vegetable lasagna (Serves 4 to 6) Tomato sauce

3 to 4 cloves garfic (optional) 1 onion 2 celery stalks

1 leek, white part only 2oz/60g fennel, if available 2-3tbsp olive oil

2 large (900g) cans peeled plum 2 bay leaves 2 to 3 parsley stalks

sprig of thyme sprig of sage or rosemary

Peel and chop the vegetables, and sweat in the olive oil until the onion is just beginning to colour. Add the tomatoes and herbs, and cook without covering for two to three hours on a very low heat Allow to cool slightly before blending in a food processor or blender, or simply rub through a sieve. Season to taste.

Béchemei sauce: 2oz/60g butter 2oz/60g flour 1½pt/850ml boiling milk pepper pinch nutmeg

Put the butter in a heavy pan, and melt over a low heat. Sur in the flour until you have a smooth paste. Do not allow the flour to colour. Pour on a little of the milk and stir until smooth, then gradually add the rest, stirring continuously to avoid any lumps forming. When smooth, cook gently for eight to 10 minutes, stirring from

time to time. Cool, cover and refrigerate until required. 1lb/455g aubergines 11/4lb/680g courgettes %lb/340g baby leeks 1lb/455g lasagna

Stbsp olive oil 6cz/170g mozzarella, diced 6oz/170g ricotta, diced

3oz/85g Parmesan or other hard cheese, grated Slice the aubergines 44in/0.5cm

thick, having removed the stalk end. Slice off the ends of the courgettes, and trim and wash the leeks. Bring a large pan of water to the boil, highly salted or not, as you prefer, and put in the aubergines first. After two to three minutes, put in the rest of the courgettes and leeks and boil for a further two minutes. Lift out the vegetables with a slotted spoon or similar utensil, put them in a colander, and refresh under cold water to stop them cooking any further. Put to dry on layers of paper towels. Cook the lasagna sheets according to the instruc-tions on the packet, a few sheets at a time, if necessary, in the same saucepan of water in which you cooked the vegetables. If using freshly-made lasagna, that is still soft and supple, cook for two minutes only. Lay the cooked lasagna sheets on a clean tea towel.

Liberally oil a square or rectangular oven-proof dish of dimensions that will comfortably hold all the ingredients. Spread a little béchamel on the bottom, and cover with a layer of lasagna. Spread with tomato sauce, and lay the leeks on top with a little ricotta and mozzarella. Spoon on a little more bechamel, top with another layer of lasagna, and so on, finishing with sheets of lasagna topped with the rest of the chamel sauce. Sprinkle with the grated cheese, and bake for about 50 to 60 minutes at 180°C/350°F. gas mark 4, turning the heat up for the last 10 minutes, if necessary, to brown the top. Serve very hot.

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#### DRINK

## Stacks of sparkle and spring

Is there an alternative to champagne? Jane MacQuitty

takes another look at méthode champenoise wines

and checks out the best of the bargain buys for March

hen is champagne not champagne? When it is Charles de Fère méthode champenoise fizz. I first tasted these wines, produced just outside the official border of the Champagne district, several years ago; the rose was awful and the brut none too thrilling. Writers, merchants and drinkers have since stepped up their search good, inexpensive methode champenoise alternatives to champagne. Rarely are they successful. It is time to look again at the Charles de

The rose is still grim. Its weird, cheesy-beefy scent and taste are not worth the £5.66 asked by Berkmann Wine Cellars, 12 Brewery Road, London N7. Supermarkets' own-label pink champagne may cost £10 a bottle and the cheapest grandes marques are £14 plus, but half-price rose alternatives need to have at least half the finesse and flavour of the real thing, and this one fails miserably. However, the Charles de Fère Bianc de Biancs Brut Réserve (£5.54) is a useful upper-class sparkler with some breeding and style. Its light, fresh, flowery-musky scent and taste do not make it champagne, though, it reminded me of one of the better quality Blanquette de Limoux sparklers, which is logical as its chief component is Roussillon and Limoux's Maurac grape.

The jewel in the crown of Jean-Louis Denois, who decamped to Fère-en-Tardenois to make non-champagne sparkiers in 1979 and whose family still produces champagne, is his amazing Tradition Brut. I would not like to meet this bubbly's rich. biscuity, champagne-like scent and equally full, bouncy palate in a blind tasting: it smells and tastes like the real thing, partly because of its mix of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, but also because of Denois's expertise. This is one of the finest champagne taste-alikes I have come across, and at £6.54 is shout a third of the price of the cheapest own-label

March, despite its occasional warm, sunny days, is still traditionally a red wine month, and there is plenty to choose from. One of the most useful trade tastings recently was the French wine cooperatives tasting. These wines have improved over the past five years. And those from the Cave du Haut Poitou, a southern Loire satellite, are a shining example of new techniques and squeaky-clean wine-making methods. Haut Poitou's Sancerre-like Sauvignon and delicate Chardonnay are well-known but I had not tasted the Gamay before. The 89 vintage of this wine is a stunner. I

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loved its brilliant, deep carmine colour, backed up by a musky-grassy scent and lashings of ripe, peppery Gamay fruit on the palate. Don't expect any of the warmer. bubblegum-like Gamay fruit of Beaujolais as you will be disappointed, but at £2.99 from Waitrose it is a good March buy.

Free tastings for customers continue to be the most simple and successful way of encouraging wine drinkers to experiment. So simple, in fact, that I wonder why other wine outlets do not follow the example of Majestic Wine Warehouses and Oddbins. Majestic's next tasting weekend is on March 10 and 11. Thirteen different wines will be available for tasting. including Omar Khayyam's '86 methode champenoise fizz from India (£5.99), which is disappointing when you consider the earlier, surprisingly good Khayyam vintages, and other infinitely more appetizing bottles such as Robert from the rest of the New South

Mondavi's '88 Woodbridge Sauvignon Blanc (£4.99) from California's Central Valley, whose exotic, tropical fruit scent and soft, grassy taste do not make a great Sauvignon, but a good one. A non-vintage generic Médoc, which Majestic prices at

just £2.99, is much better value. This wine comes from the Caves et Entrepôts de Malecot, as does Majestic's toothsome, non-vintage red table wine, Malecau, on sale for £2.35. I enjoyed this pleasant, light, easy-drinking claret with its musky, grassy blackcurranty Cabernet fruit. Look out, too, for Majestic's discounted bin-end bottles, about 100 wines including bargains such as '88 Rothbury Semilion for £3.99 (instead of £4.59). March does not have to be austere and pennypinching, however, and if you are feeling flush make certain you snaffle up some of Waitrose's superb '84 Sarget de Gruaud Larose claret, which has a rich, mature, cedary St Julien flavour with a dash of chocolate and cinnamon in the mix. A good readyto-drink example of the quality a leading St Julien property can achieve in a poor year, this wine is good value at

ddbins is also worth visiting this month. It has specialized in Australian wines for the past five years, and the latest offerings include a small parcel of bin-ends that are worth plundering. The cheaper wines are likely to have gone by now, but home in on Simon Whitlam's de-licious '87 Cabernet Sauvignon. This Hunter Valley winery was founded in 1982 by wine merchant Andrew Simon and banker Nicholas Whitlam. Simon Whitlam's labels, in this case a grey and dusky pink triangle, are usually hard to take, but the wine within never is. I loved this Cabernet's elegant. cassis and spicy oak character, as distinguished and restrained as all the other Simon Whitlam wines, which explains why they stand out



Wales pack. Forget your bank balance and splash out on this bottle (£8.99). Apart from Australian bin-

ends, Oddbins is this month concentrating on the regional wines of France with a free tasting of half a dozen of these wines on March 17 and 24. Good bottles include the impressive, velvety, oriental spice of the '87 Mas de Daumas Gassac (£8.99) which I wrote about recently, plus the splendid '88 Château Believue La Foret Côtes du Frontonnais in its "prestige" bottling (£5.99). The presuge version of this red wine is aged in oak, and it shows. I enjoyed its wonderful, deep, rich, exotic, spicy-herbaceous style enfolded in lots of rich, ripe southern French fruit. Besides claiming your tasting sample of these two, try the excellent

new vintage of Oddbins's '89 Domaine de Saint-Lannes, a Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne (£2.99) with exhilarating, crisp, zesty, flowery-lemony fruit that make it a good all-purpose March white

With warmer days hopefully ahead, think about laying in stocks of good, ordinary white wines to start the spring. Sainsbury is worth visiting this month to purchase several bottles of its fresh, crisp, appley, own-label, non-vintage Alsace Pinot Blanc. This wine comes from the Bennwihr co-operative and its 13 per cent alcohol and good, clean bite and fruit make it a sound March purchase (£3.15), or take advantage of the multi-buy scheme that gives you a £1 discount if you

#### **WINE BUYS**

 1988 Cooks Hawkes Bay Chardonnay, Thresher, £4,99 New Zealand Chardonnay occasionally gets overlooked by wine drinkers, who rave about this country's Sauvignon but tend to forget its other wines. Cooks has always had a good Chardonnay in its range, and this buttercup-gold. big, buttery wine has lots of spicy new cak on the palate. • 1987 Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Cellier des Princes, Thresher, 25.99 This classy Châteauneuf is on promotion this month at

Thresher along with the Cooks Chardonnay. This pale, garnet red wine has a fine, warm, spicy style, with enough fruit on the palate to make it a very enjoyable mouthful.

1986 Saint-Joseph, Cave de Saint-Désirat, Waitrose, £5.45

buy three bottles.

Waitrose has always offered some good red wines from the Rhône and this is no exception. A gold medalwinner at Macon and rightly so, the robust, rich, chunky black-pepper spice and fruit of this wine is a delight.

### **FOOD**

Robin Young tries the convenient approach to vegetarianism

There was a time when vegetarians were regarded as more difficult dinner guests than even, say, bookmakers, estate agents or vicars. Hostesses exchanged tales of their efforts at entertaining vegetarians as if they were somehow akin to slipping the neighbours' Rottweiler titbits through the fence; families reeled in horror when told that a prospective son or daughter-in-law had abjured the pleasures of the flesh; and the vegetarians themselves grew tired of saying "No, really, cook what you would normally have yourseives and give us the

It has all changed. We are all vegetarians now - or can be if we wish.

I have just completed three weeks' worth of eating a vegetarian diet, and I have not strained my culinary ingenuity once. In fact, I have not really cooked anything: merely microwaved or heated it in an oven, following instructions on the packets. Vegans, I admit, could be tricky - but vegetarians? No problem.

There are now reckoned to be at least 1.5 million people in Britain who eat no meat. The number is growing, though no one is sure how fast. The militant Vegetarian Society has doubled its membership (to 16,000) in the past four years, but they are only the publicly demonstrative tip

of an iceberg. In surveys, as many as one in three people says they are now aiming to eat less meat. The evidence suggests that about three million of them are actually managing it. Six per cent of the population is expected to become vegetarians in the next few years.

That, though, is not really the point. Vegetarian food is available for all — and appreciated at some time or other by almost everybody. During the wartime rationing of my childhood, my most eagerly awaited savoury treat was a nut cutlet - my equivalent of the present day hamburger.

Cranks, the leading name in vegetarian wholefood for nearly 30 years, has recently opened a take-away in the Broadgate development near Liverpool Street in the heartland of the City of London. It reckons that here, as in its other branches, more than 90 per cent of the customers are tot, so to speak, full-blooded vegetarians. Vegetarian food manufacturers such as Granose and the health food

#### Meaty without the flesh

shops tell the same story: at least three quarters of the people buying vegetarian products are not fully conforming vegetarians.

Such statistics have influenced the supermarkets. Where vegetarians were inconvenient, now there are chiller cabinets full of convenience foods prepared with them in mind.

ow varied and tempting those convenience foods are, though, depends which supermarket you shop in. For my tests the Coop could only come up with five vegetarian items (quiches, pizzas and pasties - none of which I relished), though more vegetarian dishes are being introduced this month and next. Asda produced an unexciting cauliflower au gratin, a moderate vegetable chilli, and a passable vegetable curry and Indian pilau rice, about the standard (and price) of my local Indian take-away. Vegetable lasagne, strangely, was declared "not suitable".

The other back-markers were Safeway, who could only offer a basic vegetarian repertoire of cauliflower cheese, vegetable lasagne, vegetable chilli and ratatouille. The cheese was imperceptible, the lasagne gross, the chilli heavy on red kidney beans, and the ratatouille seriously distasteful. Beware the ratatouille, whose principal ingredient, listed first in the fine print, is water, which should only be there as a component of the vegetables. It means excessive reliance on puree and thickener, and the result is not at all

Tesco runs to 11 vegetarian recipe dishes, with broccoli mornay as a variant on the almost inevitable cauliflower cheese. I tried the vegetable chilli (much like the others already mentioned), a carrot and onion crumble with crumbed cheese and almond topping (rather dry and drab) and a couple of passable vegetable bakes. Best, though, were onion bhajias and vegetable samosas bought from the delicatessen counter.

Sainsbury had a score of

ideas. Its vegetable chilli with cracked wheat contained more tomatoes than red kidney beans and (at £1.39 for 350g to serve one) was the most civilized version of this dish that I tried. The ratatouille replaced water with tomato juice, to small advantage. I quite liked the vegetable moussaka and, if pressed, would not baulk at passing friends a plate of Sainsbury's crispy crumbed mushrooms with garlic dip - at least not if there was plenty of wine

about I was seriously disappointed, though, by Sainsbury's neeps and tarties, which was supposed to be a traditional Scottish dish topped with grated cheese. I wondered afterwards whether the cheese had been the whitish splodge adhering to the lid when I discarded it. Sainsbury's onion bhajia also proved large, floury and uninteresting.

The range at Marks & Spencer runs to at least 15 recipe dishes and an almost equal number of vegetarian snacks. Filled courgettes with tomato sauce and filled green peppers were the most likely products I encountered to convince vegetarians I had been cooking specially for them. St Michael tends to blandness: the nut cutlets, sadly, are largely potato and rice, the only nut mentioned in the ingredients being almond Similarly, I would have welcomed twice the amount of herbs in the vegetarian dumplings accompanying an otherwise good fresh vegetable casserole. Most successful were the vegetable crispbakes which I have bought since (dare I say it?) to set beside lamb cutlets.

Finally, though, my recommendation is that would-be vegetarians should visit Waitrose. I object strongly to the misleading name of the tagliatelle nicoise (no capers or anchovies, but creamy cheese sauce yet again) but it tasted all right. I also commend the neatly packed and well filled vegetable samosas and enjoyed the vegetable shepherd's pie.

More importantly, Waitrose vegetable curry with pilau rice, and dal makhani and palak pancer which I coupled, rather unorthodoxly, with Thai-style lemon and lime rice provided my two tastiest and most memorable meals of the vegetarian experiment. If all vegetarian meals were as good, all God's creatures would be safe from me.

#### Clive Davis on vulgar sounds from a great man's mouth

do not suppose that Albert Goldman was ever planning to write Miles Davis's biography. write Miles Davis's biography. If by any remote chance he was, then he might as well forget it. Davis has done the job more thoroughly than any literary mugger could have managed. As self-inflicted wounds go, his autobiography is a masterpiece. My only suggestion is that, given the relentless use of a certain 12-letter word, the title should have been Miles: The Matter party.

On second thoughts, perhaps the book is some sort of grand hoax.

book is some sort of grand hoax. Davis has always had a keen eye for the latest trends. Perhaps he realized that there is a huge audience for books that dwell on the sordid details of an artist's private life. If sex, drugs and rock n' roll are the most potent brew, jazz, cocaine, and more cocaine cannot be far behind.

As it happens, two of the most memorable jazz memoirs — Charles Mingus's Beneath The Underdog and Art and Laurie Pepper's Straight Life - both gave an unsavoury glimpse into the world of the modern jazz musician. Neither Mingus nor Pepper was a particularly cuddly man, but they left behind books which belong to the realms of literature.

Davis should have at least as many tales to tell. Whether or not you care for his recent work, he remains one of the most important figures in post-war jazz. In at the birth of bebop in the Forties, he reemerged as the epitome of laidback sophistication a decade later, before leading jazz, for better or worse, into its flirtation with the big money of rock music. While most jazz artists have burnt themselves out within a matter of years, he has been astute enough to move off in staleness setting in.

# Jarring jazz notes

MILES
The Autobiography By Miles Davis With Quincy Troupe Macmillan, £13.95

Despite all this, Miles turns out to be a dreary read. No doubt some parts will appeal to the hipsters who enjoyed leafing through the more lurid sections of the Warhol diaries. But I suspect even they will be bored after a while. Anyone interested in finding out more about Davis's music would do better to sit down with one or two of his best albums — say, "Kind of Blue" and "In a Silent Way" — and a copy of Ian Carr's "critical biography", published in 1982. Carr's book is based on secondary sources, it needs up-dating, and it is certainly over-reverential at times, but it is still far more eloquent than anything Davis has to offer

The main problem with Miles is that it comes straight from the great man's mouth. Quincy Troupe, a New York poet and jazz journalist, may be credited as co-author, but his role seems to have been confined to changing the batteries in the tape recorder. What is left is a rambling and profane monologue, a dispiritng mixture of ego and paranoia. The cool, laconic figure

so beloved of CBS publicity cam-paigns is nowhere to be seen. Instead Davis uses the opportunity to settle scores with fellow-mu-sicians, critics, ex-wives, and the white world in general. If the book does have any value it

is that it strips away the glamorous myths about the jazz life. The world depicted here is not some idyllic community of high-minded artists, but a collection of disparate, often inadequate individuals hustling to make an uncertain living in a hostile environment. The sections on the casual racism inflicted on black musicians remind us how strong Davis needed to be to survive. let alone make enduring music. In spite of all his denunciations of white America, he embraces its values whenever the price is right. The man who accuses Louis Armstrong of pandering to white prejudice is the same man who boasts about being cast as a dope-dealing pimp in Miami Vice. When he hears that Joaquin Rodrigo disliked his version of the Concierto de Aranjuez, his sensitive reply is pure Sam Goldwyn: "Let's see if he likes it after he starts getting those big royalty cheques." If you want to know what Davis

was doing during his five-year absence from the music scene from 1975, the answer is that he was ploughing his way through illegal substances and "bitches", other-wise known as women. Today. desperate to win over Prince's young audience, he admits to putting little effort into his albums. simply playing over pre-recorded rhythm tracks. As for his live performances, watching him strutting to the funky beat is like watching Olivier dropping his trousers in *The Betsy*. Ultimately, Miles: The Autobiography is very much like the concerts: long, vulgar and monotonous.



Victoria Glendinning on the disturbing things convicted murderers reveal about the bad

things, and some of the good ones, in their lives

iolence. I was thinking about it the other night. Either you understand it or you don't. If you understand it, you find it you understand it, you find it hard to explain to somebody who doesn't ... 'The speaker knifed a complete stranger on a street at night. He was 18 at the time, drunk, and in a rage with his father.

Several of the men in this book killed strangers, for shockingly trivial reasons; victims are often stand-ins for whoever is the real object of hatred, grief, or anger. These murderers are not mad, though most murder that the persetted and the persetted.

murders seem irrational, and the perpetrators cannot explain why they did it. They repeatedly use the words "unfortunate" and "unfortunately", in a stiff, puzzled way, as in, "unfortunately I then ended her

way, as in, directionary it their cheet has life by smothering her with a pillow.".

That man was speaking of his own daughter. The stories told by the child-murderers are dreadful. Appalling answers are elicited by Parker's no doubt appalling questions. The man who tells the most dreadful story of all, about the way he killed

his 18-month-old son, was "totally emo-tionally dead" for the first four years of his sentence, but is now tortured by remorse. So he damn well should be, you will say. But listening to him, you can't take the easy way out, and dismiss such men as

inhuman — though some avoid mental torment by continuing to block out all feeling: "You don't remember. Your mind won't let you: it can't. Never."

Parker's questions probe their childhoods, but a good many of the murderers can tell him almost nothing. "My early life I only remember bits and pieces about", or "I can't think of anything much in the way of childhood memories at all." Sometimes continued probing elicits memories of grim misery and devastating betrayal by adults, or a milieu in which petty crime was a way of life, a career option. But a vagueness about the past, plus an absence of any strong network of friends and family, a lack of marketable skills, and a lack of roots in any one place, seem to be common factors. I suppose the capsule word for this is "alienation". When you have no history,

the taboo against terminating the history of another person is more easily broken.

If Tony Parker has a thesis of his own, he's not telling. As always, he presents the interviews as monologues, with his questions edited out. His only interventions are short descriptive passages about appearance or mannerisms. So you have to make your own mind up about these murderers which means coming to grips with yourself, in uncomfortable ways. His introduction explains how imprisonment for life is the only sentence the law allows for murder, though lifers can be let out on licence at any stage, and recalled to prison if they misbehave. Out on licence, they must report regularly to their probation officers.

We are not told on what principle Parker selected his interviewees, so there is no way typical. But each one speaks of his or her probation officer with respect, sometimes with affection. As a woman who had done 30 years for killing a woman friend says, prison and probation seem at cross-

etched in Canadian military

mythology as Vimy Ridge

but for opposite reasons. Vimy was, by First World War standards, a

costly but undoubted victory. Di-

eppe was a courageous disaster. Out of the 5,000 Canadians embarked,

2,700 did not return. It is hardly

surprising that each new generation of Canadian historians should seek

"the reason why".

Brian Loring Villa spent eight years researching this, his first

book, and gives credit to his two

Harvard mentors, William Langer

and Ernest May. Some of his reconstructions of events, however,

show more imagination than know-

inadequate naval fire support,

caused by the Admiralty's refusal to

risk capital ships in the Channel after the loss of Prince of Wales and

Repulse. He also agrees the Ger-

man records show that surprise was

not lost, as is so often claimed, by

the six-week postponement of the raid. His case is that it should never have been mounted in the first

place, because it was tactically unsound, and that his researches

show its remounting by Mount-

His analysis of the political pressures in 1942 that led to the

raid is well done. Churchill and the

War Cabinet were being hammered

by the combined Soviet and "Sec-

ond Front Now" lobbies, on the anvil of Washington's premature

determination to mount a major

cross-Channel assault in 1942. Dieppe partially assuaged these

pressures, but it was also a logical

part of the British strategy of

His pen pictures of the principal

actors and their motives are cred-

ible, except when he comes to

Mountbatten and Admiral John

Hughes-Hallet, who planned the

raid. They are both cast as villains

coastal raiding in 1942.

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purposes. "Prison officers try to destroy your individuality so they can manage you in a mass better", and when you come out on licence "your probation officer tries to build up your individuality so you can act like a person again". It would be a good idea, she says, "if they got together and decided which it was they wanted to be done with your" done with you".

Lifers are moved around from prison to prison, and are not always sure in what part of the country they are. One man finds it easier to be inside than out on licence, having become fearful of the world, and commits offences in order to get recalled. Yet the same man, weeping, tells what prison does — "eating you away inch by inch, depriving you of more and more of what's left of your personality and feel-

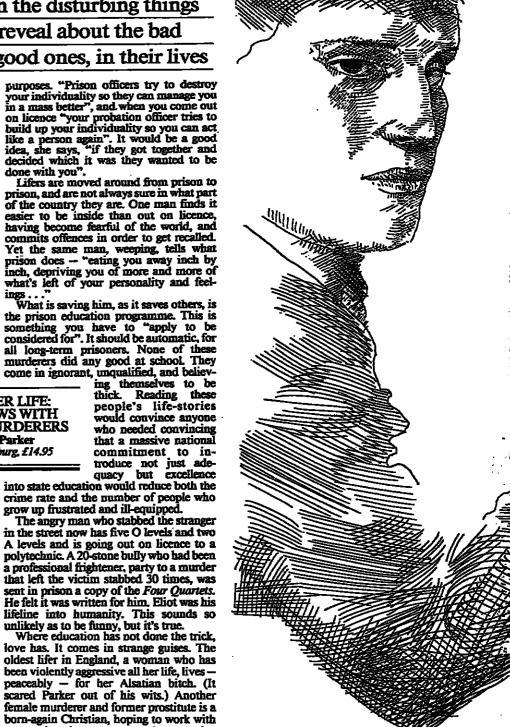
What is saving him, as it saves others, is the prison education programme. This is something you have to "apply to be considered for". It should be automatic, for all long-term prisoners. None of these murderers did any good at school. They come in ignorant, unqualified, and believing themselves to be thick. Reading these

LIFE AFTER LIFE: people's life-stories INTERVIEWS WITH TWELVE MURDERERS would convince anyone who needed convincing By Tony Parker Secker & Warburg, £14.95 that a massive national commitment to introduce not just adequacy but excellence

> crime rate and the number of people who grow up frustrated and ill-equipped. The angry man who stabbed the stranger in the street now has five O levels and two A levels and is going out on licence to a polytechnic. A 20-stone bully who had been a professional frightener, party to a murder that left the victim stabbed 30 times, was sent in prison a copy of the Four Quartets. He felt it was written for him. Eliot was his lifeline into humanity. This sounds so

> unlikely as to be funny, but it's true. Where education has not done the trick, love has. It comes in strange guises. The oldest lifer in England, a woman who has been violently aggressive all her life, lives — peaceably — for her Alsatian bitch. (It scared Parker out of his wits.) Another female murderer and former prostitute is a born-again Christian, hoping to work with women in prison to prevent them wasting their lives when they come out. One prostitute stabbed a Dutch sailor to death for the sake of a taxi fare. Discovering in prison that she preferred the "calm and sensible" love of another woman, she plans to set up house with her. A casual labourer who bludgeoned a stranger to death with a starting-handle is now living in insightful bliss with Jennifer - who, it transpires, is a prison psychologist 20 years older than

These are the happier stories. Less happy, because more recognizable, is the attitude of the jaunty young man who killed his grandfather with a pair of scissors. He and his mother never mention it. "To tell the truth I never give it much either." He speaks as if the bad things never happened, or happened to someone else. It's how everyone tends to deal with the bad things they have done, even when they have not, yet, committed murder.





## Common campus ground

One of John Vernon Lord's humorous drawings from a new poetry anthology, The Song That Sings

the Bird (Collins, £6.95). Ruth Craft has done the collecting, managing successfully to find every-

thing from leg-pulls to the poems that "make you sit still and concentrate". The illustration goes

Now is the time when the UCCA forms exert their seasonal influence. Youthful persons are to be found making zig-zag journeys, anywhere between Exeter and Aberdeen, in quest of hospitable quarters for the coming autumn.
What will they make of Going Up as an introductory handbook to their academic future?

The story, such as it is, concerns Tom (from a village shop) and Sue (an estate-agent's daughter) and their converging paths during their first year at the University of Blank-on-Sea. By putting one of them into digs and the other into a Hall of Residence, Hunt ensures a proper distribution of such educational experiences as gossip, pub-

FOR CHILDREN **Brian Alderson** 

**GOING UP** By Peter Hunt Julia MacRae, £8.95

crawling, and awful cooking - with a few forays into laboratories and libraries, and no forays at all into politics or demos.

He fills out the scene with an assortment of more or less affable characters, and, although nothing much happens, there is a consistent liveliness in his local observations and in his taste for backchat which

nicely conveys the air of rather orderly anarchy that goes to make up life at your average English

university.

Well — one assumes it does. For although Peter Hunt is an esteemed writer of slightly avant-garde children's novels (working in the benign shadow of William Mayne), he is also a university lecturer. His publisher tells us that he has visited more than 90 colleges around the world and "lectured at more than 40 of them", so he must be in as good a position as anyone to make Tom and Sue authentic models for those who will soon be "going up". Certainly, this quick-witted story is the most approachable of all his

#### Pal Snowy

**Martin Spence** 

TINTIN IN THE LAND OF THE SOVIETS by Hergé Sundancer, £8.95

When Tintin, saved by Snowy and a sack of salt from turning into an icicle forever, calls his horse Rosinante as they charge together out of a frame in *Tintin in the Land* of the Soviets, his character is born. He is Don Quixote, the born romantic who lives for adventure. Snowy, his fellow traveller, the ultimate realist, who, particularly on the Russian steppes, lives only

for a bone.

Congratulations to the publishers for daring at last to publish the very first Tintin adventure (1929) in this country, especially since Tintin is not the dominant character. This is a fluid, embryonic, unformed Tintin, hastily concocted by Hergé from the boy scout Totor.

dwarfing his body, who dominates the glasnostalgia, bounding breath-lessly through the caviare, the secret police and the snow, doing undercover work disguised as a tiger, a Snowy whose first words, "I've been told there are fleas in Russia", establish the communion, if not the Communism, of human life. Soviets satirizes the pre-war world. From splendid stereotypes of the aristocratic English fellow-travellers of the period to Chinese torturers and a swarthy Russian revolutionary, each primitive frame flickers with crude energy. Such speed, such surrealizm, such irony. Those who can't take it can toddle back to Asterix.

the Dieppe raid? demanding offensive action. Alan Brooke, the CIGS, was fending off his demands for an invasion of northern Norway, and accepted Dieppe as a sop to his master, and as a much-needed probe of Hitler's Atlantic Wall. Dudley Pound, the First Sea Lord, had been unnerved by the recent loss of Russian convoy PQ 17, and was not prepared to oppose the raid, al-though he advised against provid-

ing capital ship support. Villa's clearest picture is quite naturally of the Canadian hierarchy Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, Generals McNaughton and Crerar, and the unfortunate "Ham" Roberts,

By William Jackson commander of the 2nd Canadian Division, UNAUTHORISED whose career was ACTION blighted by the disaster. Their Mountbatten and the Dieppe Raid, 1942 troops had seen By Brian Loring Villa Collins, £15 no action since they arrived in

England in the winter of 1939, and so they wanted to carve a leading role for Canada in establishing the Second Front. Dieppe provided a stepping-stone.

Thus there was general accep-tance of the Dieppe plan, which was endorsed by the British and Canadian Governments; but Villa goes to great lengths to show that the Chiefs of Staff never, in fact, reendorsed it after its six-week postponement due to bad weather. He contends that Mountbatten ordered its resurrection without authority, in pursuit of his personal ambition to become the Supreme Allied Commander for the future invasion of Europe.

Those who have doubts over Mountbatten may find Villa's conclusions credible, but other readers, who know a little more about the workings of Whitehall, will see them as academic hogwash. Even though no written endorse-ment of the raid has been found in the Chiefs of Staff minutes, is it really conceivable that the Canadian commanders would have allowed their troops to be reembarked for the largest amphibious raid ever carried out without their Government's consent?

#### ecently I was reading a number of poems packed with references to Hiro-Transl shima and Auschwitz, and getting depressed about the inadequacy of verse to say anything at all about such subjects, and then I came across Geoffrey Hill's sequence about the Wars of the

POETRY

Robert Nye BIG NOISES, SMALL ROOMS: The Poetry of War 1914-1989 **Edited by Simon Faller** 

BBC/Longman, £3.50 ... 4 SHORT AFTERNOONS By Kit Wright Hutchinson, £6.95 SEVEN WINTERS IN PARIS

By Thomas McCarthy Anvil Press, £4.95 only sensible in view of the fact that

civilians have been in the front line

at least since Guernica. Publication

of the volume coincides with the

## Dealing in bl

he narrator of A Dry White Season declares: "Politics isn't my line." But that's not an option open to South African writers. Politics is always their line. Faced with suffering and oppression on a national scale, one problem they don't have is the need to find a subject that matters.

Roses, and it occurred to me that

one reason why this works, where

so many political or at any rate

"committed" pieces do not, is just

that it takes time to translate the

nightmare of history into poetry.

All the same, I wouldn't like to

think that it necessarily takes as

much time as that; and Shakespeare

was referring in reasonably good verse to some of Hill's subject

I'm afraid The Poetry of War,

edited by Simon Fuller, does not

take this serious subject quite

seriously enough. This is an anthol-

ogy that ranges from 1914 to 1989, from Rupert Brooke's silly sonnet

thanking God for the First World

War to Seamus Heaney feeling

upset after an encounter with arm-

oured cars of the British Army in Northern Ireland. A merit of the

book is that it contains poems writ-

ten from a civilian perspective,

matter, quite a bit before him.

Andre Brink's mouthpiece makes the most of this privilege. A popular romantic novelist, he has found that the amorous pursuit of a happy ending no longer has any-thing to offer him. His faltering ambitions are given a new direction by an unwanted legacy: Ben du Toit, an old friend from student days, begs him to take respon-sibility for the bundle of notes and cuttings which trace his grim struggle with state despotism.

Ben had seemed an unremarkable man. His disorganized memoranda record the pressures that made him something quite extraor-dinary. Abandoning his secure life as a teacher in a top Afrikaans

FICTION

Dinah Birch A DRY WHITE SEASON

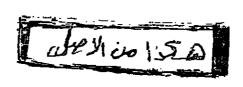
By Andre Brink Flamingo, £3.99 ALL ONE HORSE By Breyten Breytenbach: Faber, £14.99

school, he embarks on a releases search for justice which transforms his understanding of the world. Ben's dogged commitment destroys him and many around him. Ben's discovery is seen was in journey of discovery is seen as an uncompromising assertion of ho-man stature, and his death becomes

a secular martyrdom.

Andre Brink's writing is builten conviction. His characters move in a world of absolutes: goodness and truth war with cruelty and-greed, and the reader is never left in any doubt as to which is which. Ciddly





# )y t dozen

he authors of these two volumes — which concern the same subject: the last Archbishop of Canterbury but one - could hardly be more different, so that the volumes themselves are utterly different

Michael De-la-Noy was press secretary to Michael Ramsey from 1967 to 1970. But the term "press secretary" inadequately describes the relationship he had with the archbishop and his wife, who were childless; sometimes, De-la-Noy was treated more as a son than as a secretary, until the abrupt end of his time in the archbishop's

De-la-Noy will have known that the "life" of the Archbishop, by no less a person than the Revd Dr Owen Chadwick OM, Regius Emeritus Professor of Modern History at Cambridge, was soon to appear, and that he would be well advised to call his volume not a "life" but a "portrait"; and had better look sharp (in more senses than one) and get it out before Chadwick's "life" appeared. More than half De-la-Noy's "portrait" is biography of Ramsey before he knew him, when, understandably, it swings more to personal reminiscence. Alas, the pressure to publish has produced a book bespattered with mistakes and misprints.

But the essential difference between the two volumes lies elsewhere. When Archbishop Randall Davidson, before he died, gave his successor, Cosmo Gordon Lang, his blessing, he twice repeated: "God give you judgement". Clearly he believed that to be the gift above all others with which an archbishop needed to be endowed. It may be maintained that if an archbishop's staff are to assist him, they too will-need the gift of judgement—and no less after his death (Michael Ramsey's widow, Joan, thankfully, is still alive) - in how they share their privileged experience. It will not do simply to proclaim upon the housetop what was spoken in the ear in closets. Both these volumes are therefore a fascinating study in judgement: not just the arch-

Mambo (Hodder & Stoughton,

£12.95) by Campbell Armstrong

continues his habit for iffy titles

and again features Frank Pagan,

copper with a nose for international

Armstrong is playing for inter-

national blockbuster stakes.

There's a loony German master

terrorist, a shady secret society

whose members are mysteriously

being bumped off - Agatha Chris-

tie-style - from within, workaholic

coppers, vulnerable semmes satales.

a Hollywood epic. Pagan, wounded in the prelude, has trouble with his

stitches, as does the plot, which

occasionally threatens to burst at

the seams. Intelligence not-

withstanding, its climax is dis-

appointingly Hammond Innes-ish,

with hero suspended from heli-

copter and baddy beneath on a

bucking ship in a boiling sea; thus

know it will be days. When the

birthday girl's hugely pregnant sister begins her lunchtime visit

with the announcement that her

babies always arrive overdue, you

feel like dialling the first two nines

and standing by for developments.

These set-ups aren't quite the stuff of the Whitehall Theatre, but

their debt to traditional farce is

patent. In the same way that Alan

Ayckbourn's drama, though osten-

sibly designed to provoke uncase in

its audience, is in fact uncasy with

itself - it can't decide whether its

farcical instincts are quite accept-

able in polite company - so Frayn's

comedy frees at the conventions

without threatening them. Ayck-

bourn began with farce and moved

only beta plus brackets plus.

Closer

MICHAEL RAMSEY A Life By Owen Chadwick Oxford, £17.50 MICHAEL RAMSEY A Portrait By Michael De-la-Noy

Collins, £12.99

bishop's, but that of each author. They both skilfully describe Ramsey's strange childhood, his schooldays, his days at Cambridge, and the ensuing tragedy of his mother's death, necessitating a period of psychoanalysis for the future archbishop. Chadwick inevitably outshines De-la-Noy on what the latter calls "The Making of a Theologian": Ramsey's days at Lincoln Theological College, as professor at Durham and Cambridge, and as author of major theological works. In describing Ramsey's decision concerning the bishopric of Durham, leading swiftly to the archbishopric of York, Chadwick is also superb. Well over half Chadwick's pages are devoted to Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury; a masterly account of his response to the world and the church in the Sixties: to the homosexual question, abortion, capital punishment; to the race question — at home, in South Africa, in Rhodesia; to the theological ferment of the decade; to the ecumenical situation.

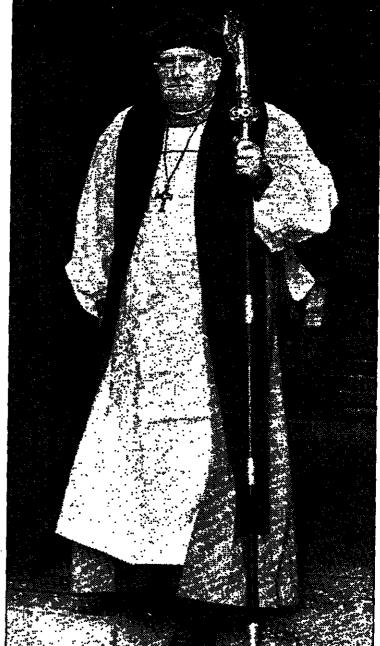
"When the Pope (Paul VI) said goodbye," Chadwick writes, "he gave Ramsey his most generous gift

of all. He slipped off the episcopal ring with its emeralds and diamonds, and put it in Ramsey's palm, and Ramsey put it on his finger. No Pope could have said anything bolder about that vexing sore over the validity of Anglican Orders." Chadwick leaves you in no doubt that Ramsey was a great archbishop, and, what is more, a man of God, who grew even closer to God in the last quiet years of his

Eric James on what is revealed and concealed about the life of an archbishop, and his portrait

But Chadwick, in his discretion and wisdom, omits much that De-la-Noy, in his calculated in-discretion, includes: for instance, the archbishop's neglect, within his own diocese of Canterbury, of his suffragan bishops. "The lack of liaison between Lambeth Palace and the suffragan bishops was at times nothing less than a disgrace," writes De-la-Noy. Chadwick says little of Ramsey's relations with his staff - with, for instance, John Andrew, his chaplain at York and at Canterbury. On the other hand, De-la-Noy writes: "For eight years he served in many ways as the most influential member of Ramsey's household, for he enjoyed the total confidence and affection of the Ramseys and allowed himself to become something of a buffer rather than a stepping-stone be-tween Ramsey and the bishops. This the bishops came to resent." Chadwick mentions De-la-Noy only twice: once to contradict him. De-la-Noy had written: "Ramsey was essentially a lonely and sad man with no close friends apart from his wife." "This is a wrong judgement," Chadwick retorts. Chadwick may well be right on that point — his judgement is rarely to be faulted; but he would be more

convincing had he allowed Ramsey not only his eccentricities but his faults. De-la-Noy is Lambeth with the lid off. Some of the garbage has fallen out of the bin, and some of it has been helped out. (Most human habitations, even episcopal palaces, have their garbage.) Chadwick is Lambeth with the lid on, and screwed down — with such turned and polished screws.



Closer to God than most: Michael Ramsey, one of our great archbishops

## In the blockbuster stakes

**THRILLERS** 

**Chris Petit** 

In Frank O'Neill's Roman Circus (Bantam, £12.95), Italian terrorists, conspiracy. Mazurka, his last, showed that Armstrong's political hunches were ahead of the game: with the inevitable Libyan connection, stir up anti-American feeling there he anticipated the rise of by acts of sabotage against US installations on Italian soil, killing nationalism in the USSR; here he goes for Cuba, whose downfall is innocent locals in the process. determined by so many sub-plots Leisurely descriptions of the dolce that one has to conclude that vita, an eye for the detail of intelligence work, and a lived-in feel promise well, but, in spite of a large cast, the story is basically a three-hander, and careful establishing fails to disguise a fetching but implausible fairytale involving beauty and her beasts: CIA agent fights creepy mastermind for the compromised body and soul of his first love - a socialite with reckless habits. Beta plus query plus.

According to interviews, Whitley Streiber has had encounters with aliens from other planets and is tired of the scepticism that greets this claim. Majestic (Macdonald, £12.95) fleshes out that old chestnut of a conspiracy by the US Government to suppress knowledge of little green men, with

particular reference to widely-reported sightings of UFOs in the vicinity of US nuclear air bases in 1947. I'm as willing to suspend disbelief as the next fellow, but

Streiber is so intent on conversion to his cause that he fails to come up with a proper story. The abundance of creative writing lacks suction; for an altogether better example of the genre, try William Kotzwinkle's The Exile. Perhaps Streiber thought that persuasion was harder than is the case: there are a lot of readers out there willing, if properly led, to believe anything they're told about the CIA. Beta minus. Torturer and tortured meet again

in Douglas Terman's Star Shot (Collins, £11.95), far from Viet-nam, mucking about on boats in the Caribbean after the Reds have nobbled a hush-hush gizmo from

the US space programme - what Hitchcock used to call the MacGuffin, that which has no intrinsic plot value other than everyone wants it. Characters are slightly above par for the course baroque cardboard - but it is the lure of the deep that most attracts Terman, who chucks in a lengthy storm at sea, a purple passage that is almost a novella of its own and a more than passable hommage to the typhoon literature of Conrad

and Richard Hughes. Beta plus.

Exchange of Doves (Hodder & Stoughton, £11.95) by Kenneth Royce offers that reheated old international ragoût: Arabs, a compromised Home Secretary, what once would have been called a dolly bird, maverick Americans, and so much playing of ends against the middle that one loses sight of what's what. Truculent and chippy SAS sergeant, seconded to MI5, wonders just who is trying to rub him out; sorry, reader, can't help. A fondness for the author's television

series Bulman kept me going, even

commas don't pass for dialogue: "You've never been in my hair but that's where I'd like you to be, Sam." Beta minus brackets minus. The Arms of Death (Blooms-

though the bits in between inverted

bury, £12.99), after a shaky start in which Mark Wainwright finds his voice, settles down to sullen stuff in Libya where a bunch of ratty Americans, with apparent connections to US intelligence, while away the time teaching Arabs to blow things up; meanwhile, bombs go off around Europe. Here the bits in between inverted commas are superior for the genre, specialities being the trumped insult, use of expletive and a casual racism. Wainwright is good on the absurdities of civilization - Third World supermarkets - and cynical sex, but thin on character, who's who is a problem. An overheated air of existential nihilism suggests that Paul Bowles has been mugged up along the way. This ambitious and promising first novel also makes reference to the studied cruelties of James Bond when, in fact, it owes more to the narrative ellipses and laconic style of early Deighton. Beta double plus.

#### **PAPERBACKS**

# Trating a

founcement of the 10 winners of stionwide Poetry of War com-ition organized by BBC Schools tio in association with the serial War Museum, and sponed by British Petroleum. ernon Scannell has a good m in here which begins:

Whenever war is spoken of

I find he war that was called Great invades the mind . . . spect it is the same for most of The names and things of the 4-18 business — Passchendale. . gas, mud, Mons - are burned our imagination of war: they war. In a way, perhaps, this is suse the horrors of Auschwitz 100 much: reality here stepped

ost beyond imagining. teither Kit Wright nor Thomas Carthy engage with such huge ties in paperback selections of

their recent verse. Wright has a nice Byronic contempt for poetry itself: When they say That every day Men die miserably without it: I doubt it.

This is grown up, but if it was all he could do it would hardly be enough. Rather more interesting is his attempt, in the title poem, to use a similar wit to keep things moving along even where inspiration dries up. Here is a resourceful and clever writer, with an educated ear, who is always entertaining and occasionally something more. His best stanzas look drunk and sound drunk, but I suspect that a sober imagination - and certainly a sober technique - were needed in order

to achieve them. Do not be deceived by the doggerel in McCarthy's Seven Winters in Paris. Here are ladies with 'Natassia Kinski eyes" and others with "Marie Corelli faces", and the poet himself is a gentleman who doesn't mind rhyming "nappychanging" with "Sudocrem". Imagination is inflated in these decent little meditations on modern life just in order to prick it upon the actual, which he usually equates with the absurd.



Still fretting at the conventions: Michael Frayn, whose plays are almost as funny on the page as on the stage

## ck absolutes

ugh, though A Dry White son describes the triumph of may, its overall effect is rather suring. Moral instruction is at most comforting when it is aged in certainty, and the novel es the flattering assumption its readers will naturally ther themselves in the ranks of enlightened. Old ground rules technilenged. Black people are lamentally belpless victims. h white men (powerless or factive, women are always Rheral) will inevitably be the cles of the changes that are

Dry White Season was first shed in 1979. Much has sened to question its confident tises since then. Breyten tenbach's collection of texts images, All One Horse, is acterized by tentative innovai more in tune with the

Main 1990s. venty-seven short fictions are mpanied by water-colours a support and develop a

network of obsessive preoccupations. Fervent and surreal, Mr Breytenbach provides none of the narrative gratifications of the traditional short story. He thinks in images. He differs radically from Mr Brink in his repudiation of the particularities of history. Yet he too is a political writer. His work is haunted by the presence of the nameless brother, dark and dispossessed, offering the potential of a cohesion which underwrites the dreamlike fragments of Mr Breytenbach's words and pictures. "I shall write you down and I shall give it the title of All One Horse. You are black. You could be my

In Breytenbach's vision, politics move from history into myth. Looking for timelessness, Breytenbach's strange and compelling book makes a confession of literary humility. Knowledge is incomplete, and the power of writing is finite. "You may say whatever comes to mind and it won't change much."

hough never intended as Boxed companion pieces, the scripts for Michael Frayn's television plays make apt book-fellows. Each concerns a large, ebullient and thick-skinned set of visitor disrupting a dull household and becoming incapacitated on the premises, which accordingly fill up farce with supernumaries. Each advertises its plot by means of early hints the size of barrage balloons. When Jamie descends on an old flame, his promise of the title (which could equally have been Jamie's Ten Minutes) lets you

Hamish Lennox JAMIE ON A FLYING VISIT/BIRTHDAY

By Michael Frayn

Methuen, £5.99

on to his celebrated no-man's-land; only much later did Fraya go the whole hog with Noises Off.

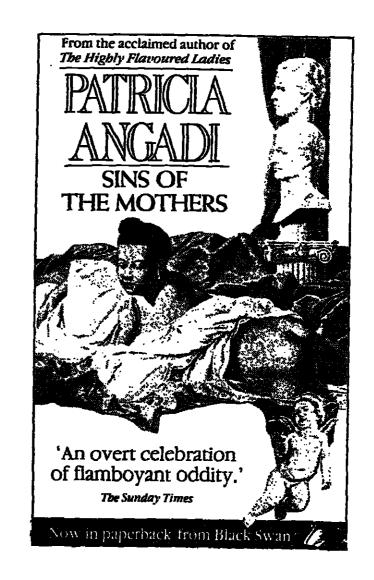
When Jamie was first transmitted in the Wednesday Play slot in 1968 (the tapes were wiped) the eponym was played by Anton Rodgers, a farceur of note. Its comedy is predicated on the visible contrast between the outsize, maladroit visitor and the cramped semi. where his sometime undergraduate sweetheart subsists with three children and a harassed school-

master husband (Dinsdale Landen, if you please). In brisk succession Jamie accidentally trashes the front hedge, spills or breaks any number of household effects, and caps his performance by destroying the banisters while helpfully manoeuvring a bed down the staircase. With a broken leg in plaster he still insists on taking the wife for a spin in his Jaguar, a trip which does for the lamp-post across the road and

wrecks the husband's car. This is all rather Laurel and Hardy, and almost as funny on the page, but the comedy deteriorates when Jamie invites his hooray pals around for drinks.

The house begins to burst at the seams, and the displaced sexual sadism of his antics mutates into class churlishness. In Birthday, a titbit with a softer centre, the principle tension is between the monstrous self-absorption of the pregnant visitor and the rational arguments of her sister's flatmates. childless experts on child psychology. This element is unfortunately old-hat, and the whole script is nothing like so visually inventive as Jamie. Appropriately enough, the BBC is to revive the second play for radio, while the first will reappear on television. Frayn is a

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#### THE ARTS

TELEVISION. Sheridan Morley

Ten years ago, the problems of child abuse were largely ignored in this country by those unwilling or mable to accept the level and intensity of the problem. Now, much the same situation faces those trying to deal with abuse of the old and infirm.

By the year 2000, as Public Eye (BBC 2) observed in its chilling survey, there will be a million people in Britain over the age of 85, many of them unable to look after themselves. More and more frequently, hospitals are now receiving elderly patients with numistakable signs of braising and even broken arms and legs, caused by a usually caring younger rel-ative suddenly mable to deal with the pressures of living with a parent who demands 24-hour attention.

The answer, as several consul-tant geriatricians remarked on the me, is not as simple as the apportioning of blame, Many of the gullty relatives are loving ren and grandchildren driven to distraction by the lack of dessional assistance and the feeling of being totally trapped with a parent day and night.

But the stigma understandably attached to the abuse of the elderly means that few are willing to talk about it: the victim for fear of being cast out of the family home, and the perpetrator for shame at the realization of what has suddenly pened in a once-loving household. A wall of silence still surrounds the problem, but it is one that Subniv Babuta's documentary began to breach.

Later, as a curtain-raiser to tonight's Rhythus of The World concert, Arena (BBC 2) profiled Salif Keita, known as the golden voice of Mali, and an albino singer apparently able in childhood to scare most of the animals off his isther's farm by the sheer volume of his fervant singing. Tonight's concert promises, therefore, to be noisy, even if Keita himself appears to have had some sort of charisms-bypess operation.

Back in BBC 1's Whicker's

World (or "Ego Trip", which might have been the better travel title) the blazered maestro found hintself a really good interview. It was with Jack Edwards, a survivor of Japanese prison camps, who returned to Hong Kong to fight for pensions and passports for those families of all nationalities who fought alongside him in the defence of the Crown Colony in 1941. Sadly, this fight may prove equally doomed under government policy.

found some old newsreels of the Chinese escaping to Hong Kong from the very country which is now about to reclaim them, and he is wisely plundering his own earlier footage to establish how the colony has changed both economically, industrially and socially as well.

## Wall of silence Brush with the unusual Beached banality The star of London's newest musical,

at the Lyttelton reaches a climax tonight with the first preview of Stephen Sondheim's Sunday in the Park with George. Scenically, it is the most elaborate show mounted by the National Theatre for years. It has to be: the musical stars a famous painting.

in order to recreate Georges Seurat's crowded canvas, "Sunday afternoon on the island of La Grande Jatte", 10 scene painters worked for six weeks on the National's huge paint-frame, producing six versions of the painting, on varying scales.

They have stuck faithfully to Seurat's controlled palette of 11 colours plus white, but pointillism on this scale takes application. All those dots have to be flicked into place, and very few can be applied by paint-roller, even a spotty one. The riverscape glimpsed through the trees runs upstage on a cyclorama, well into what is normally the backstage scene dock. The Lyttelton's depth of stage can outdo even the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

Having begun with the stage as a blank canvas, the living picture is finally assembled at the first act curtain. As Act II begins, it is hanging on the wall of its Chicago gallery - but this, too, turns out to be a tableau vivant, which bursts into song. Few theatres have the dimensions to accommodate illution-building on this scale, so Sondheim jumped at the chance. He says it was his dream to see the show staged at the Lyttelton.

The National's executive director, David Aukin, at first invited Sondheim's collaborator, James Lapine, to restage the Broadway production with its original principals. But, after a year of failing to get everyone back together, he and Richard Eyre, artistic director of

**Paul Griffiths** 

Der Rosenkavalier

New, Cardiff

Goran lärvefelt's death last

November left Welsh National

Der Rosenkavalier, but no produc-

tion to put inside them. Wolfgang

Weber nobly agreed to produce the opera with the Carl Friedrich

Oberie designs, which was not too

much of a limitation where the

sets are concerned, since Oberle's

slantwise views for the first two

acts cleverly suggest grand rooms

The costumes, though, are more

personal: this is a very plainly dressed Sophie, the Rose Cavalier

makes an oddly unglamorous

appearance in baggy silver clothes

and straying powdered wig, reminding one of the Jarvefelt-Oberle Rheingold, and the Mars-

on a smali sta

Opera with sets and costumes for got up as miniature Octavians,

Sondheim's Sunday in the Park with George, is a huge painting. But is the National Theatre painting itself into

profit or loss? Peter Lewis reports

the National, decided to stage their own production, with director Steven Pimlott and designer Tom Cairns. It is not a reproduc-tion of the Broadway show of 1984, the only common participant being Sondheim himself.

Mounting musicals in subsidized theatres is a contentious process, as the RSC found out. Even a musical that makes as much money as Les Miserables was castigated for keeping the Bard out of the Barbican for months; if a show fails, public ire is even greater.

Musicals require a largely specialized cast, are notoriously expensive, and appeal to a different audience from the regular patrons. At the National, there have been two precedents: one was its biggest hit; the other, its most resounding disaster. In 1982, Guys and Dolls played 370 sold-out performances before transferring. It was a critical success, as well as paying off the theatre's deficit.

The notorious miscalculation, Jean Seberg, bombed in 1983 and lost most of what Guys and Dolls had made. The National was not only blamed artistically, it was condemned for allowing its stage to be used for a comparatively cheap try-out of a Broadway gamble. Worst, it was committed to giving the show 75 performances to half-empty houses.

Sunday in the Park is the first reprise to be attempted since that

strident red set off by white fur

and the high white cocked hat of a

pantomime finale. The only de-

cisive point made by the clothes is

that the imps who terrify Ochs are

Otherwise this is a production

remarkable only in its modera-tion: moderately conventional,

moderately funny, moderately

lively, moderately attentive to the

ripples of emotion. It seems

characteristic of the evening's

chasteness that Octavian and the

at the beginning not in bed but

flopped on a couch, with the lad's

The singing is on the same level

of decency, though there are many

signs that this will change. Rita Cullis's Marschallin, most nota-

bly, was much more assured in the

breeches still firmly sealed.

rschallin should be discovered

unhappy turkey. This time there are no deals or plans for commercial exploitation. The show is seen as a purely National Theatre enterprise which could pay its way within the scheduled run.

The initial cost of staging is £250,000-£300,000 (a bargain by commercial theatre standards), and advance bookings already top £500,000. The show opens halfway to its target of £1.2 million, thanks in part to a contribution of £100,000 from the producer and Sondheim devotee, Cameron Mackintosh. "He is doing it for love of the show," Aukin said. But no chickens are being

counted yet. Sunday in the Park ran for only 15 months on Broadway, despite glowing re-views. No London management wanted to risk it here, where Sondheim musicals, other than A Little Night Music, have not done well at the box office. But Ankin argues that it is exactly the sort of musical the National Theatre should be doing. "It's a musical for play-

goers... Sondheim is up there among the straight playwrights, like Albee. I think we should drop the artificial distinction between straight and musical theatre as two different genres. At its best, musical theatre ranks alongside straight drama and it is proper for the National Theatre to include in its repertoire the finest examples. He admits to personal adora-

Decency unbreached

last act, even despite the vulgar

costume, than in the first. Where

she had risked too much rawness

and fragility of tone and phrasing

in searching for expressive shad-

ing, she found for the close that

superbness which perhaps she can

She already has the distinction

now make innate from the start.

of being able to put across a great

deal of the text: only she and

Donald Adams's Ochs take any

advantage from the fact - or even

allow one to hear, for much of the

time - that the piece is being sung

in English. Or rather in New York

Octavian as Mariandi is con-

cerned. Apart from that problem,

Fee had difficulties in keeping

intonation and a thin sound at the

top under control; she also needs

stiffer direction in looking man-

Amanda Roocroft as Sophie



a mistake to do musicals to generate income. They must be done for their own sake, in good faith. And new ones are probably best left to others."

If this one works, there could well be other revivals. But with 17

looks properly pretty and sings winningly. If there was some

nervousness at making her pro-

fessional début in so exposed a

part, it quickly passed, and left us

with a creamy middle register out

of which the high notes were

projected with perfect, steady

Donald Adams, quite some way

past his debut, offers an Ochs with

only a few strong notes left, though

he makes good use of his experi-

ence on stage, twinkling, bellowing

and expostulating against the wan

this production. There are also

some nice cameos, particularly

from Jennifer Rhys Davies as the

duenna, Peter Bronder as an

excellent, unexaggerated Italian Tenor, and Dennis Wicks as the

More generally, and not for the

"It's a mistake to do musicals to generate income," David Aukin says tion for the musical, but adds: "It's musicals scheduled in the current London season, anything that the National adds has to be distinctive - and distinguished. There was a nervous sense backstage this week that the stakes are high. As someone remarked in the paint shop, Que Seurat, Seurat.

Début: Amanda Roocroft (Sophie)

first time in a WNO production. the musical quality is hauled up a good few notches by Charles Mackerras's work in the pit. His speeds sometimes test the orchestra (at the start of the final act, for instance), but while providing an accompaniment secure in its richness and detail, he finds the darkness always waiting in this score, and gives the music the pounce of the theatre.

RADIO Martin Cropper

Lenny Bruce on Bondi (Radio 3, Tuesday) was a title in search of a story. What it found was an imploding fantasy born of sentimental regression. An ageing magazine journalist (Australian ex-pat in London) is sent audio cassettes of an unnamed American holding forth on a surf-heavy beach. His fogeyish editor posts him to Sydney to investigate their provenance in the company of a glamorous researcher, whose husband just happens to be a leading authority on Lenny Bruce, as well as a dentist.

The sender of the tapes just happens to be an old school chum and is now a mediocre comedian. In 1951 (he now says) he hung out on the beach with the then unknown Bruce, recording improvised comedy routines on his old reel-to-reel. After the longest dramatic pause in showbiz history, he now wishes to go public.

The spirit of Lenny Bruce being entirely absent from all this, it was a tactical error to end the play with a genuine chunk of that master of surrealism in concert. Adrian George's play was both naturalistic and thoroughly unlifelike, a combination which leads to banality.

The journalists spoke like policemen giving evidence, while the Australian comic's conversational style seemed to have been lifted from a magazine page. This undoubtedly saved his old friend much time when it came to writing up the story. On the beach: Here comes Sammy with what looks like a carrier-bag full of cassettes." The inner eye looked up in astonishment.

Last night, as though to make amends, Radio 3 brought Samuel Beckett with what still looks like one of the BBC's most inspired commissions. All That Fall (1957) inhabits a bucolic purgatory abandoned by nature: even the sounds of the wildlife are patently actors practising animal impressions. The country railway station is not so much a location as a hallucination, and this is precisely why Beckett works on radio. His landscapes, being essentially in-terior, do not benefit from visual representation. They belong to the page and to the airwayes.

#### ACON MONDAY

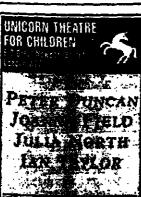
Paul Griffiths reviews the new staging of Elektra at Covent Garden, and David Toop watches Spandau Ballet in **Docklands** 

## Sound-mix cue for mutiny

Clive Davis

Hilton Raiz **QEH** 

By the time he left the stage, Hilton Ruiz had finally won over his audience. It was, however, a close-run thing. The opening date in his Contemporary Music Network tour came very close to falling apart. The problems were not entirely the planist's



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fault. During the first half, in particular, he had to contend with an atrocious sound-mix which rendered half of the eight-piece band insudible, and swamped the rest of the musicians with feedback. Although this is becoming a regular event at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, some of the audience were close to mutiny by the interval.

The other difficulty was probably self-inflicted. This simply did not look like a group which had given itself enough time to rehearse. Cues were regularly fluffed, and for much of the time the front line of trombonist Dick Griffin, saxophonist Peter Brainin and trumpeter Danny Moore, seemed to have no idea what Rniz was planning to do next. Ultimately, the show was held together by the group's



Starting on a poor note: pianist Hilton Ruiz, plagned by technics accomplished rhythm section, the congas and timbales seamlessly switching back and forth between a Latin beat and a more fluid bop attack.

That fusion of salsa and straight jazz has become Ruiz's trademark in a series of albums for Novus. A New Yorker of Puerto Rican descent, he studied piano with Mary Lou Williams and served most of his musical apprenticeship with the unpredictable Roland Kirk. On his last LP, Strut, he continued

to refine the formula, moving towards the more commercial funk-oriented end of the market without sacrificing the hard bop content on, for instance, "The Sidewinder". With the first half of the

concert a virtual write-off, Ruiz unwound with a schmaltzy, unaccompanied rendition of "Lush Life", followed by "Sophisticated Ladies". After that gentle interlude, the group was let off the leash, provoking a barnstorming solo from Moore.

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THEATHE? Jeremy Kingston

**Moscow Shadows** New End Theatre

Understandably, plays about Moscow life are flavour of the month. But this particular one is not made in Russia and exported by courtesy of glasnost it is authored by Harris W. Freedman, Brooklyn-born and bred, and rings false from beginning to end.

We are in Anna Petrovna's flat one February afternoon a year ago. Her grandson, Igor, has had the good fortune to walk out a couple of minutes before the play begins, and the even greater good fortune of staying away for the duration.

of Natasha Ivanovna from the flat next door and is spared the aggressive delivery that Jose-phine Tewson brings to the role, trumpeting information her neighbour already knows: "Your Vladimir resigned from the party when Khrushchev sent the tanks on to the streets in Budapest." Or she asks some such rhetorical question as: "If socialism is the answer. why did it take Olga Alexandnovna two years to obtain a visa to Tashkent?" Not many

people know the answer to that. Anna Petrovna ilicgally takes in boarders; Natasha Ivanovna illegally trades in ikons; Olga Alexandrovna is another character who stays in the wings, but that is because she has been murdered. "Who would want to murder Olga Alexandrovna?" somebody asks, in order to cue in a curtain line from Viktor Nicholaivich, the local Roz-zer. "That," he announces, glating at suspects over his seriously Russian moustache, "is exactly what I am here to find out."

Why was this play written? Not, I suppose, to convey to a wider audience such titbits as the number of citizens who must live on only 75 roubles a month. This is the gossip favoured by Natasha's shy son, Alexei Isaevich, to instruct his girlfriend - Mariya Lvovna, if you are still with me. No, the principal charac-ters are Jewish, and Freedman is honourably moved by their sufferings, now as always. But his worthy aims translate into drama to very poor effect, and it is a dreadful idea to graft the steamroller tactics of a Brooklyn momma into a Moscow whodunit.

Because Anna Petrovna is conceived in less off-putting terms, and Barbara Lott does not rattle through the speeches, her mention of social issues seems to derive from her experience. On the other hand, for-draped Mariya Lvovna (Denise Stephenson), gasping to her man in the corridor, "Take me! Now!" is straight from pulp fiction.





# Painting the Impredictable Wayward poet makes good Relivin unpredictable

CLASSICAL

Four icelandic Orchestral Works celand Symphony
Orchestra/Sakari (ITM 6-02)
(available from Iceland Music
Information Centre, Freyjugat Information Centre, Freyjugata 1, 101 Reykjavík)

Hilary Finch

mail can be less than beautiful if nobody knows that you are, and isolation is both an artistic blessing and curse. Contemporary Icelandic composers have it made in that an unusually large percentage of new works are performed shortly after completion. Compared with their other Nordic colleagues, though, little of their music is programmed in Europe, and recordings are not yet adequately distributed.

It is worth experimenting with the latest release put out by the Iceland Music Information Centre. Here are four quite different voices from the older generation of living composers, the youngest of whom is Haflidi Hallgrimsson, one-time pupil of Maxwell Davies and principal cello of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. His Poemi, for solo violin and strings, are sharply defined responses to three paintings by Chagall depicting Jacob's dream, the sacrifice of Isaac and Jacob wrestling with the angel. The solo violin, played with vibrant physical immediacy, leaps forward with the virtuosity of a true Chagall fiddler. The orchestra knows its place: it refuses to become involved thematically, but distances itself from the violin's searchingly original writ-ing by providing a framework of attenuated skeins of sound. Leifur Thorarinsson's is a pas-

sionate, perverse, yet essentially romantic voice. His 1983 Haustspil or Autumn Play is an extreme example of the un-predictability which characterizes contemporary Icelandic com-position. In just more than 10 minutes, nothing is repeated: a wave of Straus sudden woodwind frolic, a sniping of brass, an Ivesian tutti assert the constant volatility of the present. An occasionally recurring pulse gives the only sense of continuity.

Erling Blondal Bengtsson commissioned and here plays Jon Nordal's contrastingly subtle and pungently orchestrated singlemovement Cello Concerto from the same year. Its soloists stimulate change and evolution in the cello itself, which moves reluc-tantly from confrontation to dialogue. A brave soundtrack of an Adagio from Magnús Jóhannsson provides six minutes of characteristically evocative sustained writing for strings and percussion to complete this programme.

**CLASSICAL UPDATE** 

Mallarmė i-il, Le marteau sans maître, Figures-Doubles-Prismes Various musicians (Stradivarius STR 10028) The early performances of the Mallarmé settings (1959)

marteau (1961, under Maderna) are of archival interest, but the Figures is something more: the first available recording of a modern masterpiece. Madema conducts the Hague Residentie Orchestra, which a few months before gave this 1968 version its premiere under

## With a cool head

SPOKEN WORD

**Peter Davalle** 

The Mayor of Casterbridge Listen for Pleasure (LFP7338-9)
Take It From Here BBC Radio Collection (ZBBC1113)

aving played Michael Henchard in the BBC television version, Alan Bates was probably the automatic choice for the formidable task of reading this three-hour condensation of Hardy's tale of the hay-trimmer who spends a lifetime paying the penalty for having had a couple of drinks too many. The Mayor of Casterbridge is one calamity after the other, and, without Bates's foot firmly pressed on the emotional brakes, this reading could leave you, me — and him —

prostrate with exhaustion. It is a fate we are all spared. Bates even manages to keep his cool when coping with such purplish passages as "smouldering sentiments being fanned into higher and higher inflammation".

The four 1958 editions of Take

It From Here include the comedy series' tenth anniversary celebration in which, memorably, the weather forecast went all operatic ("The mercury's sunk to the figure O - Figaro! Figaro!"), and in which Jimmy Edwards and Dick Bentley contributed the following nostalgic exchange: "I admit I've put on a bit of weight in the interim"/"Yes, you've put on a bit on the outer rim, too." For scriptwriters Frank Muir and Denis Norden, and for radio comedy

generally, these were indeed the

the story of Frank Morgan's career

sounds depressingly familiar. But for once, there is a chance that the saga will have a happy ending. In the early Fifties Morgan was being hailed as the West Coast's answer to Charlie Parker. Still a teenager, he was turning up in session after session across Los

Angeles. By 17 he was a heroin addict. Like the West Coast's other alto star, Art Pepper, he slid into drug abuse. And that, more or less, was the story of the next three decades, during which Morgan served time in a string of prisons. In San Quentin, he and Pepper became co-leaders of the Warden's Band, occasionally touring the prison network.

Seemingly unable to cope with life outside prison, Morgan was not ready to tackle New York until 1986, when he finally made his debut at the Village Vanguard. A series of albums on the Contemporary label helped spread the word. If he still ranks somewhere below a true giant like Pepper, Mood Indigo amounts to an affirmation of his progress so far. If he were just another belop

player, Morgan would scarcely merit all this belated attention. Like Pepper, he quickly advanced far beyond routine copies of Parker licks. The spaciousness and melodic flair of his playing - pure West Coast - carry him way beyond rigid adherence to the well-worn chord sequences. On this session the decision to avoid the standard bebop repertoire makes sense. "Lullaby", the intensely personal lament which opens the album, is a concise summary of what is to follow.

The well-advertised presence of Wynton Marsalis on two of the numbers should give the record a high profile. This is first and foremost a quartet date. Morgan is supported by bassist Buster Williams and drummer Al Foster, while George Cables shares the piano duties with Ronnie Matthews. Williams's solo piece, "A Moment Alone", forms a pensive interlude halfway through the record. Morgan's idiosyncratic ap-

proach brings up some unusual material, including "This Love of Mine" and "Polka Dots and Moonbeams". Their inclusion makes up for the desperately overfamiliar "Round Midnight", not to mention that old stand-by "In A Sentimental Mood". On the latter, at least. Morgan's duet with Cables lifts the music out of the rut. Marsalis's contribution, meanwhile, may well arouse mixed feelings, though it seems churlish to complain after all he has done to champion Morgan's comeback. The Ellington title track is wonderfully relaxed, but

JAZZ **Clive Davis** 

Frank Morgan Mood Indigo (Antilles 91320) Bobby Watson & Horizon The Inventor (Blue Note CDP 79195) Charles Lloyd Quartet Fish Out Of Water (ECM 1398) Ben Webster King Of The Tenors (Verve 837431)

the same cannot be said of the trumpeter's playing on Coltrane's "Bessie's Blues". Starting out with a vivacious solo, he gradually manoeuvres himself into a punctilious dead-end. If Morgan is the wayward poet, Marsalis is the student declaiming from a grammar textbook.

Bobby Watson's Blue Note release is inevitably over-shadowed by Morgan's album. All the same, at least half of this disc catches the ex-Blakey altoist at his very best. Hearing him with his own group, Horizon, makes us all the more aware of how much we miss when he appears with pickup bands during visits to Britain.

One of his originals, "Heckle And Jeckle", launches proceedings at a stunning pace in a frantic quintet performance suspended over Benny Green's insistent piano motif. Here, for once, is proof that the "neo-boppers" can swing with a vengeance: the flow of adrenaline would put a hip-hop band to shame. Awash with crisscrossing rhythms, the music is redolent of Watson's work with the much-praised 29th Street Saxophone Quartet. After the storm subsides, the second half of the session is a more workmanlike

harles Lloyd's label, ECM, is doing its best to paint his first studio recording in 10 years as the event of the century. One of the first jazz artists to pull in the big rock audiences, Lloyd retired from the fray at the end of the Sixties. His re-emergence in the early Eighties showed him moving a long way from his fusion extravagances. Fish Out Of Water is archetypal ECM chamber-jazz, tastefully presented by Bobo enson (piano), Palle Daniellson (bass) and Jon Christiansen (drums). Lovers of Jan Garbarek are sure to fall for Lloyd's caressing, unassertive tone. Less mitted listeners will probably feel that there is a fine line dividing the introspective from the inconsequential.

As for the re-issue of Ben Webster's King Of The Tenors, a critic's scribblings become just about irrelevant. All that needs to be said is that this is Webster in the early Fifties, blowing superlatively alongside Oscar Peterson and Harry Edison. An absolute gem. The title says it all.



Swinging with a vengeance: "neo-bopper" Bobby Watson's performance would put a hip-hop band to shame

JAZZ UPDATE Carmen McRae Live (Verve Video CFV 10282) (60min) Another Tokyo data. McRae is at her most compelling in the brief

acoustic piano.

leave her alone at the electric and

Keith Jarrett Standards il (Verve Video CFV 10242) (60min) A faithful video document of the pianist's popular trio, recorded in Tokyo in 1986. Jarrett's groans and grimaces are no more of a distraction than

Chet Baker & Art Pepper The Route (Capitol/Pacific Jazz CD-CZ258) A precursor of the classic 1956 album, the disc brings together all 11 tracks for the first timer. Pepper, not long out of jail, soars through his three

Mike Nicholls reports on a new approach to fighting bootleggers

ootleg recordings, for years Ban affliction on the record industry, are being en-couraged on a tour by the Mission, which opens tomorrow in Liverpool. The band is inviting fans to bring tape recorders to their performances to make somvenirs of the event. Normally it is forbidden to make unauthorized recordings at rock shows and fans are warned that equipment may be

Bootlegs are illegal recordings of live performances by popular acts which are not released by the artist's record company. Cam High Street in north London is full of stalls stacked high with cassettes of concerts by groups such as New Order and the Cure. Bootlegs are not to be confused with counterfeits, which are in-expensive forgeries of the real thing, produced and sold by unscrupulous dealers with access to pressing plants.

**ROCK UPDATE** 

3rd Bass The Cactus Album (Def Jam 466003 1) Imaginative, irreverent

succession of progressive rap colleges from the Long Beach

"Gas Face" posse of M. C. Search, Prime Minister

bootlegs Beotlegging has been around ince the days of the Beatles. In 1987, a man was jailed for a month and fined £50,000 after being

found guilty of running a duplicat-ing and distribution operation. The conviction was due largely to the efforts of the British Phonographic Industry, which considers has a duty to protect the terests of record companies. Since current material can only be released by the label to which the artist is signed at the time,

Madness (4AD CADZ 0002)

Leeds trio in the forefront of

the new wave of Indie bands. A

Pale Saints The Comforts of

giving us a higher profile. Every gig is worth taping because it's different. They're useful for m, too. They make as realize we're not as good as we think."
Tim Dabin, co-ordinator of the
BPI's Anti-Piracy Unit, takes a different view: "In signing a contract with a record company, the band is not in a position to

record companies do not take kindly to bootleggers. "A lot of people buy things which are of

uncertain quality and can cost up

to £20," says Wayne Hussey of the

Mission, who suggested letting

fans tape live concerts. "It's not

going to affect record sales. If anything, it will stimulate them by

waive the company's exclusive rights to their recordings by allowing fans to make record of their own. I can't condone what the Mission is doing since we are supposed to be protecting their record company's copyrights, set giving them away."

The House Of Love Fontana (Fontana 842 293-1) A low-key cracker that amply

showcases Guy Chadwick's abilities as a singer in the Ray Davies mould, and as a

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melancholy affair which betrays such impeccably hip influences as My Bloody Valentine, Spacemen 3 and the Jesus And Mary Chain.

Part 19 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring have mustered at least one decent performers of rock. To qualify for album during that time. The inclusion in this series, an act entries are designed to be pasted

A-Z'GUIDE TO ROCK must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and

songwriter with an alert, modern bent, albeit tempered by a mild fixation on the Beggar's Banquet era Rolling Stones. on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops to form an instant guide to the his

#### ARETHA FRANKLIN

If you want to know the truth," explained Aretha Franklin's Baptist minister father, "Aretha never left the church." In other words, the thrilling, whooping, unearthly singing voice, which earned its owner the undisputed sobriquets Lady Soul and the Queen of Soul, was always a sanctified instrument. This is especially evident on Amazing Grace (1972), a superb double live album of the gospel standards on which she was brought

standards on which she was brought up. But it was her righteous application of the gospel spirit to the more earthbound specifics of soul that made Franklin one of the most influential singers of the past 30 years. In the Sixties, she was propelled to the highest peaks of popular acclaim with a barrage of hits like "I Never Loved a man", "Respect" and "Think", collated with many others on 20 Greatest Hits (1987). Her 1968 album, Lady Soul, remains a singularly impressive monument to her greatness, with "Chain of Foois", "People get Ready" and "A Natural Woman" exemptifying a range and passion that is little short of divine.



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single "All Right Now". Free Livel (1971) captures the group in spellbinding form, grinding out souped-down versions of "I'm a Mover". "Fire and Water" and "Mr Big". After Free spilt up, vocalist Paul Rodgers — who, along with Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant, created the role of the heavy rock singer — and drummer Simon Kirke formed Bad Company, a stadium-sized version of Free, which sailed to the top of the US chart in 1974 with a workmantike début, Bad Company. The group bestrode America like a colossus during the Seventies, but lacked the finesse that elevated Freet to such a lasting state of grace. to such a lasting state of grace.

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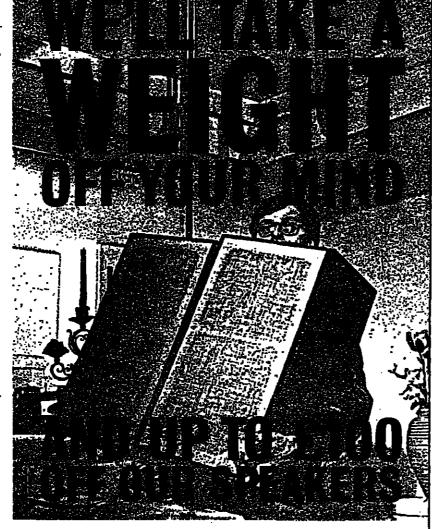
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Francesca Greenoak visits a country garden which has been re-created to Gertrude Jekyll's original design

# Reliving past glories

fabric and bringing the in-terior up to present stan-dards of comfort would clearly be a priority, but gardens were given little consideration. This was certainly the case when John and Rosamund Wallinger purchased the Manor House in Upton Grey, north Hampshire. The small Tudor farm-house had been extended and redesigned at the turn of the century by architect Ernest Newton. The house, having stood empty for three years, was run down when the Wallingers bought it, and the four acres surrounding it were unkempt.

It came as a surprise to find that the garden had been designed in 1908 by one of the most highly regarded and best-loved garden landscapers, Gertrude Jekyil. Be-neath the waist-high grass and thistles, the basic design was struc-

The Wallingers were not gardeners, but realized that some attention should be given to a garden which had been conceived as integral to the house. Rosamund decided to take it on. Fortunately, she was able to seek the advice and guidance of the Hampshire Gardens Trust and a supportive county council which awarded a grant to help pay for some of the work.

The garden, now in its recaptured splendour, opens out into a wide terrace with a rope pergola on wooden pillars, up which curl and climb different kinds of climbing plant: Virginia creeper, roses, jas-mine and aristolochia. Steps lead down to a sheltered lawn with a pair of bold, square, raised beds dramatically planted with the purple canna lily Canna indica Purpurea. Dry stone walls, rising cliff-like from the sloping garden, form the edges of two long borders, which are the principal features of the garden. Beyond lie the tennis lawn, nut trees and a small orchard.

Following in the footsteps of one of the most accomplished gardeners

ix years ago if you bought a house with known architectural ment, restoring the gradually learned the skills which for a beginner, but Rosamund gradually learned the skills which enabled her to reproduce the subtle blends of texture and colour, the hallmark of the great Jekyll gardens. It is a mistake to confuse Gertrude Jekyll's techniques with a haphazard cottage-garden effect. She had definite and still influential ideas about form and colour and her gardens were very carefully planted. Even the wild garden which extends to the front of Upton Manor House had its plant species precisely

Many of the Jekyll plans are still intact, preserved as a collection at Reef Point, part of the University of California at Berkeley. Towards the end of 1985 (for a small fee) they made copies of the Upton Grey garden designs, and Rosamund began deciphering the neat, rounded writing which dictated every plant for the beds and borders

As soon as structural repairs had been done and the garden completely cleared of weeds and well dug with manure, Rosamund began to grow plants, perhaps buying one "marker plant" of the correct variety from a nursery but raising the rest from seed. "It's a huge economy - and great fun," she says.

There were set-backs - some early seedlings died from exposure and some rare roses were squashed by children's bicycles - but mainly things went well. In five years Rosamund mastered this enormously ambitious scheme, a fact worth noting because so many people are daunted by much simpler gardening. You never stop learning, but attractive results can be achieved by beginners.

It seems to me that the great drawback of an historic garden is that, held in a moment of time, it has no future. Following Jekyll's plans is "a continuing education" for Rosamund. "Her planting ideas are so good: it's interesting unravelling them, and identifying and working with the plants." Some



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varieties are now extinct - "with irises, for example, I just try to get the nearest match". Sometimes a modern variety doesn't work: Golden Glow, a popular modern

#### WEEKEND TIPS

• Prese hybrid clematis, lightly catting stems of early-flowering kinds or cutting down to the lowest buds on late-flowering ones

• Cover soil with clockes or polythene sheeting to warm the soil for early seeds (wait for a temperature of  $7^{\circ}$ C/45°F).

 Take cuttings from geranian which have started early growth. • Sew calabrese, cabbage, and lettuce in the greenhou planting out in April and May. Cut back the coloured stems of dogwood Cornus alba and C stolonifera) to ground level.

rudbeckia, was too small for a backof-border position - "Jekyll specified the old Goldsturm which is much taller and more daisy-like". Rosamund has become adept at interpreting Jekyll's abbreviations:

"plant", for example, she takes to mean Funkia plantaginea (hosta) and "snaps" are antirrhinums (snapdragons). There are some halfforgotten plants she would recommend to modern gardens: purple cannas and variegated maize for drama, tree lupins and the small blue-flowered Platycodon grandiflorus mariesii, "a late-season

A sequence of photographs of the Upton Grey garden will go on show at the Museum of Garden History this week as part of an unusual Jekyll exhibition which centres on a selection of photographs of her gardens, taken by Jekyll herself. The famous Jekyll boots (as portrayed in the William Nicholson painting) will also be on display with other memorabilia, such as the sunbonnet which appears in one of the photographs. There are also some plant labels in Jekyll's handwriting which were recently found at Pasture Wood, one of her Surrey

• "Gertrude Jekyll: A Vision of Garden and Wood" will be at the Museum of Garden History, St Marys-at-Lambeth (on the south side of Lambeth Bridge). London from March 4 to April 22. Sun 10am-5pm, weekdays 11am-3pm, closed Sat. Admission free, but donations towards the Museum of Garden History Appeal appreciated.

● The garden at the Manor House, Upton Grey (6m SE of Basingstoke in Upton Grey village, next to the church) is open to visitors as part of the National Gardens Scheme, May 27, June 10, July 1; 2-5pm. Ad-mission £1, child 50p.

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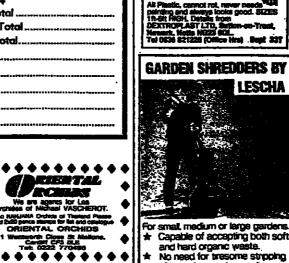
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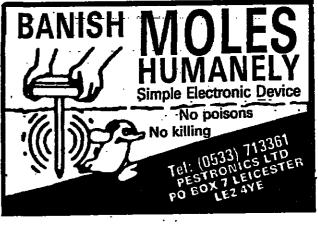
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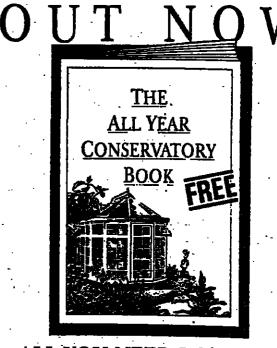
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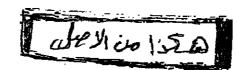
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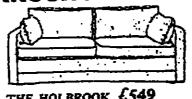


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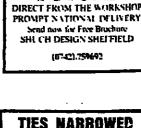
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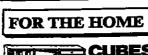
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The faster a machine spins, the drier your washing will be. This cuts drying time and, if you have a tumble drier, your running costs. For example, a 4kg (81/slb) load of mixed cottons spun in a 1,000 rev/min machine takes about an hour to tumble dry at a cost of about 13p. The time and cost would double if the same load were spun in a 500 rev/min washing machine.

The difference between 850 and 1,100 rev/min is not so critical. Some machines which claim upwards of 1,000 rev/min maximum spin speed never spin that quickly when loaded, or do not spin at that speed for very long, and some machines with lower claimed spin speeds spin for longer.

Delicate and casy-care fabrics do not require a roaring spin which will scrunch them up. With most fast-spin machines, either there is a lower spin-speed option button or a suitable speed will be selected automatically at the end of each programme. Some machines have a variable spinspeed control

Most of the tested machines have "spin delay" (sometimes "rinse hold"), which cailed lets the washing sit in the last riuse water rather than settle into creases after spinning.

#### RUNNING COSTS

 Detergent. Some machines use detergent more efficiently than others, either by the way they circulate the wash water or by valves on the drainage system. Others pre-fill the machine with some water before the detergent is washed from the dispenser, so not much gets away. Some mathines allow 25 per cent or nore of the detergent to drop mused through the drum.

D Electricity. Assuming you wash one hot cotton load and our synthetic washes a week, he cost would be between £4 and £7 a quarter if you do full oads using full-price electricly, whether you have a hotind-cold fill machine or a old-fill only.

In practice, many people do of pay this much. If you have n Economy 7 meter and you un vour machine only during > cheap-rate period, your unning costs would be about third of these figures.

Gas or oil cost less to heat ater than full-price electricy, reducing the expense a ttle for hot-and-cold fill. But. nless you are using Economy the machine still needs me full-price electricity for

SPEEDS its pump and motor an the wash water hotter than that in your hot taps.

• Water. All washing machines use a lot of water, but there are big differences be-tween models. The best machines, which use less than 70 litres (15.5 gallons) of water per wash would, on current average water charges, cost no more than around £3.50 per quarter (assuming five washes a week). Machines which use more than 100 litres per wash will cost upward of £6.

#### THINKING GREEN

Amid the furore over machines designated "green", Which? says that some manufacturers have for many years been making washing machines with energy-saving and water-saving features.

The best way to save energy is to use the lower temperature programmes, particularly when your washing is not that dirty. Choosing a half-load option helps, but waiting to wash a full load is better.

#### MACHINE TYPES

• Front-loaders. If space is not a problem, you will prob-ably want a full-size front-loading machine. These take 4kg to 5kg (81/2-111b) of mixed cottons in the maximum load and are designed with standard 60cm-width kitchen under worktops. If you want rev/min or more.

lowest end of the price range, the spin speed is 800 rev/min with few features and little choice of programmes. For around £250 to £350, you will get more choice in features and more flexible programming options as well as a choice of machines with good

spinning performance. Machines costing between £350 and £450 can offer very good all-round performance. But paying this much does not necessarily guarantee top performance, since some models merely offer a hi-tech appearance, flashing lights and programmes you will not often use for the extra cost. Most of the machines described as being "environmentally aware" cost more than £400.

● Top-loaders. It might be worth considering one of these if you find it awkward to bend to use a front-loader. And if space is tight, you may prefer a drum-type top-loader, which is usually 15cm to 20cm narrower than full-size frontloaders. These take the same maximum load as front-loaders and work in a similar way.

You cannot use a top-loader under the work surface and, with heights of 88cm to 90cm, you may not be able to fit one under it. But, assuming the hoses are long enough, you could roll it out to use. Or you could fit one in a corner.

Top-loaders start at around £370, but you can expect to units in mind. Most are pay more than £400 for a around 85cm high to fit neatly maximum spin speed of 1,000

the front to fit flush with your 

Compacts. Front-loaders unit doors, check the space are about three-quarters the average AEG, Bendix, Electra pipework takes up at the back size of a full-size machine and Front loaders start at take about half the usual around £200. Typically, at the maximum load. They wash

#### **BUYING GUIDE**

Full-size front-loading machines:

BEST BUYS in the £200-£250 range: Indeelt 823, £250. The £250-£350 range: Hotpoint Electronic 800 De Luxe 9524, £300. The Candy D4-104X, £280, did not perform but in quite as well on the synthetic washing programme but is £20 cheaper. The Electrolux WH\$28 Electronic, £340, performs well but is more expensive.

GOOD VALUE in the £350-£450 range: If you want a computerized machine, the Hotpoint Microtronic 1000 De Luxe 9554, £390, performs well. The Zanussi FJ1023. £410, performs very well all round. The Hotpoint Electronic \$544, £370, with a spin speed of 1000 rev/min is similar to the recommended 9554 but has more programmes so may be worth considering.

GOOD BUT PRICEY: The AEG Lavamat 981 Sensortronic, £450, performs very well all round.

Full-size top-loading: The Philips Silmstar 850 T12 AWG090, £370, is worth considering if you want a top-loader.

Compact The Candy Aquamatic 3, £280, is worth considering if you want a compact front-loader. Washer-chers:

The Hoover A8548/50, £380, is worth considering if you want an air-vented washer-drier.

washing here are more than 200 different washing machines in the shops to choose from, costing anywhere between £200 and £1,250. The best way to narrow selection is to decide which programmes and features will be most useful to you, as well as considering the size and style of machine, spinning performance, running costs, convenience and, these days, the environmental factors. Which? magazine has tested most of the machines available and its recommendations are given below in the "Buying Guide".

• Standard wash program-mes. Most machine-washable in half-load (or reduced load), clothes have care labels which indicate the wash temperature and the wash action recom- when you want to wash only a mended. All the machines tested claim to have pro-loads" do not really haive the grammes which will wash at amounts of water, detergent or the correct temperatures for electricity used, compared most things. Some machines with the machine's full load, display the care symbols on the front panel.

Flexibility. Some machines you can tackle a full load. have their main programmes and temperatures pre-set, so you need only to set one clothes, or easy-care fabrics, control (although there may be a separate economy button). With others, you set the programme and temperature separately. These may be slightly more complicated but offer greater flexibility.

Similarly, some machines have a pre-wash facility, which is built in to certain • Wool programme. All but programmes, while others two machines tested by programmes, while others have pre-wash as a separate option. This provides more flexibility but could be inconvenient if it means having to set the main programme. Some machines tested have both types.

● Built-in delay timers. Timers allow you to use the ing wool machine at night without having to add a time-switch useful if you have an Economy 7 electricity meter. If a computerized machine does not have a built-in timer it is unlikely that it can be used with an independent timeswitch. This is because the machine cannot be programmed until the electricity supply is connected - after the that the machine takes in only

Economy programmes. means washing at the tem-these are available on most perature of incoming water.

cold water. "No heater

satisfactorily but have low maximum spin speeds, leaving the washing feeling quite wet. The top-loading AEG 280 Digitronic is smaller than most top-loaders but it will still take 4.5kg (10lb) in its maximum load

• Washer-driers. These wash and tumble dry in one drum, but most will dry only about half of their maximum wash load at one time. This usually means you have to take some of the washing out between washing and drying, though some will take 3kg (6.6lb) or so right through both cycles without stopping.

Most of them are condenser driers: they use cold water from your house supply to cool the warm, moist air so that it condenses and can be drained away. If you are worried about the amount of water they use for this process you could consider an airventing model. These blow the warm moist air out of the machine. To avoid condensation indoors, you should use a vent hose to direct this air outside through a window, or a permanently installed vent in the wall

#### RELIABILTY Which? monitored the break-

downs and servicing records of machines which were at least three years old but bought within the past five years. Zanussi has been more reliable on average. Ariston, Candy, Hotpoint, Indesit, Philips and Servis were below and Hoover machines were significantly different not from the average. Most repairers arrived within three days. The Hotpoint repairers responded within two days. Most Indesit repairers finished the job on the spot. Most of the other manufacturers' repairers needed another day or two to fetch parts or equipment. Bendix took four days, on average, and the AEG repairers took seven days.

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD



Good luck: Joan Carol Williams

#### THEATRE TONY PATRICK

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS: World premiere of Nigel Baldwin's play about a reunion of former student journalists. Nuffield, Southampton (0703 671771). Opens Thurs.

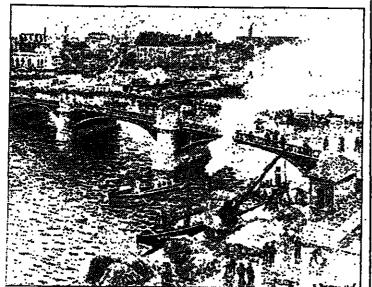
JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Tom Conti takes over from Peter O'Toole as the bibulous columnist. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2663). From

MY NAME, SHALL I TELL YOU MY NAME: Christina Reid's tale of love between a young girl and her

grandisther. Young Vic Studio, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). Previews Tues, Wed. Opens Thurs.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE: UK premiere of Stepher Sondheim/James Lapine musical. Lyttelton, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). ws from today. Opens Mar

hen a new theatre is to be opened the first hurdle is to make sure that the builders are out before the audience arrives. The West Yorkshire Playbouse in Leeds can be said to have cleared this one, because the Quarry Theatre (ceremonially opening next Thursday) is ready and waiting, even though work still continues on the smaller Courtyard Theatre, which is not due to be opened until May. The second hurdle is to make sure that there is drink in the bar. But the third and crucial hurdle is to come up with a production that so delights its first audiences that word spreads quickly and establishes the new theatre as a good thing. Jude Kelly, the artistic director, has made an inspired choice for her opening production in reviving Wild Oats by Sheridan's contemporary, John O'Keeffe. This sprightly Regency comedy is packed with mistaken identities, heroes stolen in childhood, evicting landlords and a troupe of travelling players. Reece Dinsdale and Sam Kelly play Rover and his servant John Dory in roles reminiscent of the master and servant parts they play in the television series, Haggard. Among the female cast members are Helen Schlesinger and Joan Carol Williams. Good luck to them all. Wild Oats, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount, Leeds. (0532 442111). Preview Wednesday. Opens Jeremy Kingston



Unsentimental: Pissarro's "Boieldieu, Rouen, damp weather", 1896

#### **GALLERIES DAVID LEE**

LUCY JONES: Vivid, expressionist paintings and drawings of city scenes, plus a remarkable and forthight series of self-portraits. Drumcroon Art Centre, Wigan

(0942 321840). From Mon. FAKE? THE ART OF DECEPTION: A show about fake paintings and sculptures from all periods

Hockneys and "copies" by Tom British Museum, London WC1 (01-636 1555). From Fri.

including wrong Rembrandts and

**ALISON WATT: Recent paintings** by another of the seemingly inexhaustible supply of gifted young graduates of Glasgow Art School, who recently caused a stir with her controversial portrait of the Queen Mother. Scottish Gallery, London W1 (01-287 2121). From Wed.

(amille Pissarro (1831-1903) is a more complex artistic personality than a superficial view of his impressionist landscapes, cityscapes and figure studies would suggest. Politically an anarchist and a lucid theorist about the new demands placed on painting in the photographic age, his painting is much more than a pretty demonstration of an innovatory technique. A new exhibition featuring more than 50 paintings, and including many drawings, attempts to link the work more closely than before to his personality and beliefs. With few breaks, Pissarro lived in the outer suburbs of Paris. Here, it was possible to exist as cheaply, and with as many hardships, as a peasant. The advantages, however, were numerous. Pissarro could observe, experience and paint rural life without sentimentality. It also introduced him to the progressive industrialization of France. Pissarro included in his pictures the chimney stacks, telegraph wires and steam trains that some of his contemporaries left out as being incompatible with their bucolic visions. Camille Pissarro: Impressionism. Landscape And Rural Labour opens on Thursday at Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery (021 2352834). Then May 4-June 17, The Burrell Collection, Glasgow.



Winning heroine: Kathleen Turner teams up with Michael Douglas again for US hit The War of the Roses

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with subtle playing from Michelle Pfeifler, Jeff and Beau Bridges,

writer-director Steve Kloves. Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697).

OPERA.

Strauss' Elektra opens tonight at 8pm (also Wed) with Sir Georg Solti

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Miller's G & S production

month: tonight, Tues and Fri, Helen Field leads the Verdi cast; on Wed,

continues. Collseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: New

Wolfgang Weber opens in Cardiff tonight (also Tues). New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844).

OPERA NORTHERN IRELAND:

Open their first ever spring season with a new production of Die

Grand Opera House, Belfast (0232 240411).

production of Der Rosenkavaller by

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vindictiveness and physical thrills. The project obviously required a director with a hugely warped

DeVito, pugnacious actor and perpetrator of Throw Momma From the Train? (He also appears as Douglas's divorce lawyer.) This exhausting comic version of marital hell has been a huge box-office hit

in America: so much for President Bush's pre-election pledge to promote "family values". Odeon Leicester

ese of humour. Who better, then, than Danny

eed on as Barbara and

ollywood snapped up the rights to Warren Alder's novel The War of the Roses in the year of publication, 1980, though the property then became

stalled. No one seemed interested in a film that began as a romantic comedy about a perfect couple and ended in the realms of the black farce with the squabbling partners, facing divorce, venting their fury by destroying each other's possessions. By 1985, the project had landed with the producer James Brooks, riding high after Terms of Endearment; production designer Polly Platt was initially pencilled in as director. Then the winning team arrived. Michael Douglas and Kathleen Douglas, a popular couple after

SHADOW MAKERS (12): Roland Joffe's first film since The Mission a sober, compelling account of scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer (Dwight Schultz) and his colleagues, perfecting the first atomic bomb. Paul Newma

#### DANCE

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: Three week London season opens with special children's gala (Tues); then Wed-Sat Mar 10 the London premiere of Merce Cunningham's Doubles with Ashley Page's

Sadier's Wells (01-278 8916). ROYAL BALLET: Kenneth MacMillan's new Prince of the Pagodas twice today at Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 486); then Thurs-Sat Mar 10 at the Palace, Manchester (061-236 9922).

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Premieres by Dan Wagoner (Mon. Tues) and Kenneth Tharp (Tues matinee) at Derngate, Northampton (0604 24811).

**ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET:** Tour of small theatres with programme by Paul Taylor, August Bournonville, Jose Limon and others continues to Northcott Theatre, Exeter (0392-54853) today, Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (0793 524481), Mon. Tues, and Festival Theatre, Malvern (0684-892277). Fri and Sat Mar 10.

#### Square (01-930 6111), from Friday, certificate 15. towers on the sidelines as the Pentagon big-shot cracking the

Empire (01-437 1234). From Fri. THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): A blonde sexy singer causes fireworks when she joins up with

#### ROCK

THE HOUSE OF LOVE: Nonoareil cult heroes of the indy scene now elevated to the major league. SFX, Dublin (0001 740550) tonight; Guikhali, Southampton (0703 632601) Mon; then Folkestone, Cardiff, and Royal Albert Hall (Fri).

EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL: Shrinking violets Ben Watt and Tracey Thorn whose music has recently acquired a tuxedoed, American supper club sound. Royal Centre, Nottingham (0602 483505) tomorrow; Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 262957) Mon; then Guildford and Harrogate.

WILL DOWNING: Full-trousered soul man best known for his manicured rendering of "A Love

Supreme". St Davids Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236) tonight; Mall, Stockton (0642 611082) tomorrow; then Cambridge, Manchester and Lemmarsmith Odeon (Thurs). Hammersmith Odeon (Thurs).

THE MISSION: Wayne Hussey and crew still trying to recreate the zeitgeist of the pre-punk 1970s. Royal Court, Liverpool (051 709 4321) tomorrow; then Dublin, Belfast and Glasgow.

#### CONCERTS ....

MELOS 25TH: The Melos Quartet celebrates its 25th arriversary by playing Schubert's Chuartet D 810 "Death and the Maiden", then Schubert's Culmet D 956, with Mtislav Rostropovich (cello). Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Mon.

NEW SCHNITTKE: Yuri Bashmet conducts and solos in the UK. premiere of Schnittke's Monologue for Viola and Strings, to which are added his Concerto Grosso No. 1, Shostakovich's Prekude and Scherzo Op. 11 and Mahler's orchestration of Schubert's Outstat D 810 "Death and the

Maiden". Berbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Mon.

THREE QUARTETS: The Ysaye Quartet perform Mozart's Quartet K 458 "The Hunt", Beethoven's Quartet Op. 59 No. 2 and Webern's Quartet Op. 28.
Wigmore Hall, 36, Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Wed.

ITALIAN SONGS: Lynda Russell (soprano) and Richard Jackson (soprano) and Richard Jackson (bartone), with lain Burnside at the piano, sing Hugo Wolf's complete Italienisches Liederbuch.

St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Thurs.

RATTLE/CBSO: The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Simon Rattle in Bach's Concerto for Two Violins, Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht and Webern's Five Pieces Op. 10. Town Half, Birmingham (021-236 3989)

ROSTROPOVICH/LSO: Mtisla Rostropovich conducts the LSO in Berlioz's Le Corsaire Overture, Schnittke's Viola Concerto and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 3. Berbican Centre. Thurs.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

IN OUR TIME: Blockbuster exhibition by members of the legendary photographic agency, Magnum, which charts the course of the world through wars, famines, pestilence and politics, and diseases both manufacte and disasters both man-made and natural. 1947 to the present day. Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London, SE1. (01-921

ELLIOTT ERWITT: A good counterpoint to the above from Magnum photographer Erwitt, whose view of life is nearly always spiced with a delicious and delicate the control of the months. touch of humour. Hamiltons Gallery, 13 Carlos Place, London, W1 (01-499 9493). From

#### BROADCASTING

CHANCER: Shades of Capital City and Howard's Way as a young city slicker (Citve Owen) is called in to rescue an alling sports car company. Benjamin Whitrow and Lesie Phillips lend sturdy support. ITV. Tues, 9-10pm.

THE CHURCHILL YEARS: Six turning-points from the career of Winston Churchill, dramatized by David Wheeler and with Daniel Massey doubling as Winston and ble formulable fater. his formidable father Lord Randolph Churchill. Radio 4. Wed, 11-11.47am.

HIGH NOON: Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly in Fred Zinnemann's taut Western about a town marshall abandoned by the community and forced to face the villains alone. Preceded (9.30pm) by an Arena profile of Zinnemann, who gave a first screen chance to Marion Brando, Montgomery Clift and Meryl Streep. BBC2. Fri, 11.20pm-12.45am.



In fine fettle: the irrepressible Ella Fitzgerald heads back to London

#### , JAZZ CLIVE DAVIS

HARRY EDISON: One of the trumpet greats, the elegant Basie soloist plays the evergreens with the Tony Kinsey Trio. Pizza Express, London W1 (01-439 8722). Wed-Set.

EDDIE HARRIS: The Chicago-born tenor player, an early pioneer of fusion music, now gravitating back towards conventional bop.

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Bass Clef, London N1 (01-729 2476). Tues-Thurs.

HILTON RUIZ: The competing Latin-jazz planist rounds off his tour featuring material from the recent Novus LP, Strut. Albert Hall, Nottingham (0602 419741) tomorrow; then Llantwit lajor, Brighton, Coventry, and Birmingham.

TAM WHITE: A rollicking Tom Waits sound-alike. Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747). Mon-Sat.

The glitzy Annie Leibovitz shots which graced a certain colour supplement last Sunday showed that Ella Fitzgerald appears to be back to full fitness after serious illness. Audiences will have a chance to see for themselves this week when she makes her return to the London stage, backed by the Count Basie Orchestra. Her three concerts (Grosvenor House, Mon; Royal Albert Hall, Wed, Thurs) are part of the launch celebrations for Jazz FM, which, as everyone must know by now, goes on air in the Greater London region tomorrow as the first non-pirate jazz radio station in the UK. Ella's appearance at the Grosvenor House is an exclusive affair - tickets for the gala dinner cost a mere £150. It is worth remembering, however, that these are likely to be her farewell performances in this country. The Basic orchestra itself has soldiered on since the death of its leader six years ago. Now under the direction of the tenor player Frank Foster, the band boasts few legendary names but can still summon up the old ghosts in concert. Grosvenor House, London W1 (info 01-370 4515) Monday; Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212/497-9977/494 3161) Wednesday, Thursday.

#### **BRIDGE**

alcolm Forbes died suddenly use New urday at his New day hefore, Jersey home. The day before, at his London address, he had been the gracious and genial host, and a member of the team, when Corporate America played bridge against peers and MPs.

The businessmen beat the Commons team, captained by Sir Peter Emery, by a single International Match Point, but lost to the Lords, captained by the Duke of Atholl, by 16.

The occasion of Mr Forbes's final bridge game was in every way suited to the man. As host, as player, and just by being his buoyant self, he was the central figure in a jovial In the first match Mr

Forbes, partnered by Mr Laurence Tisch, president of CBS, defended perfectly in a deal vital to their team's narrow win. Dealer East. East-West vuinerable.

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Opening lead: ©0.
With the North cards, many With the North cards, many would prefer one heart to a \$\frac{354}{4AJ1087}\$ double. South might then respond with either INT or 2NT, which can be made.

At two diamonds, the heart opening was taken and the 10 of trumps led, losing to West's queen. Resisting the temptation to attack spades, Mr Forbes switched to the 9 of clubs, which ran to South's queen. The king of diamonds came back and East was in.

In a book on play, Terence Reese and I offered, as props for the grey cells, a great number of maxims including this one: Before giving partner a ruff, consider what the situation will be after the ruff.

Here, if East gives West a heart ruff, as many players would, the defence does not prosper. The defenders take the ruff, the ace and queen of trumps, and at most one spade, for if West does not cash the ace South's spades will go on the hearts.

East saw that the heart ruff could wait, and that to set the contract a club ruff would be needed. On winning with the ace of diamonds, he returned a club. West covered with the king and South found that he was locked in dummy. Whatever he did now, the defenders would score a heart ruff, a club ruff and two spades.

The very next hand was also concerned with the timing of ruffs. Mr Forbes, still sitting West, was the declarer.

Dealer South, Both sides

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Five clubs was an imaginative bid and with a little luck might have been makeable. However, the key cards lay badly, and the issue was between one down or two: not a disaster, as opponents can make 11 tricks in hearts. North led the 3 of spades

the suit, North throwing the 8 of hearts. What now? South wanted to play another spade, to kill a winner, but thought it safer to make sure of three tricks. So he led a heart. North won but West made the rest, discarding two diamonds on dummy's

spades. Thus he was set one

and South cashed two tricks in

trick for the loss of 200 points.
If South leads the king of hearts instead of a low heart to his partner's ace, he can next play a spade, forcing West to ruff. Now West must lose a diamond for a penalty of 500. Before claiming a berth on the Commons team - if you

made the winning play remember that, unless already qualified, you first have to get yourself elected to the House. The prime mover in arranging this match, which benefited ISS (International Social Service), was Kathie Wei, who

earlier had interviewed Mr

Forbes on behalf of the Ameri-

can Contract Bridge League. "Bridge," said Mr Forbes, "is one of the really great pleasures of life, on a par with motor cycles, balloons and editorials. If heaven is heaven, there's certainly bridge."

Let's hope he was right.

#### **CHESS**

Text week the Candidates final match between the former world champion Anatoly Karpov (USSR) and the Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman will start in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. It will be remembered that this match, the winner of which will challenge Kasparov for the world title, was originally planned for London, organized by the British Chess Federation. Unfortunately, Pilkington Glass, the prospective sponsors, withdrew their support. The Times will carry

game. Kasparov, meanwhile, has been sharpening his weapons for any prospective challenge by participating in the top notch category 16 tournament in the Spanish town of Linares. The final round is played today and this week's game between the world champion and the highest rated British Grandmaster was one of the most exciting in the early rounds.

the moves and results of every

White: Garry Kasparov; Black: Nigel Short. English Opening, Feb 19, Linares. 1 c4 3 g3 5 d3 7 Ngo2 2 Nc3 4 Bg2 6 e4 8 Nd5 e5 g6 e6 Qd7

Preferable is 8 Be3. 8 ... Nice7 9 d4 c6 10 Ne3 Bh3 11 0-0 White should play 11 Bxh3 Qxh3 12 d5. After the text Black can start dangerous attack. Brg2 12 Krg2 exd4 h5 14 a4 Nh6 h5 0-0-0

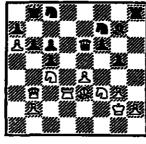
A bold decision, declaring total war against the White king. Instead 15...0-0 would be

15 Ra3

develops on opposite wings. b4 17 a6 b6 fug3 19 fug3 16 16 a5 18 N/3

An inspired sacrifice which Kasparov claimed was necessary to maintain fighting chances. It is a measure of the extreme difficulty of this game that when he played the sacrifice Kasparov had a mere six minutes left to complete his next 20 moves in order to avoid losing by time forfeit. 20 ... danc5 21 Qb3 Kb8

If 21...Ng4 22 Nxg4 Qxg4 23 Qc8 23 No4 Rud1 Nf7 25 Rd3 g5 Qe6 27 Be3 Nc8 22 Rd1 24 Cod1 25 Cb3



Most players would now have contented themselves with 28 Bxc5. Instead Kasparov, with both players on the precipice of losing by time forfeit, finds a fresh sacrifice which hurls the position into utter confusion.

28 Numb Carlos 29 Nd7+ Kc7
30 Runs Kud7 31 Rb7+ Kc6
32 Runs St8 33 Nd4+ Kc5
34 Numb Kud5 42 St8 37 Ndd6
36 Rc7 Numb 77 Runh Ned
38 Re8 Bg7 39 Re7 Ned8 In the scramble to make 40

moves, Nigel Short overlooks that the simple 39...Bf8 leaves White with nothing better than to steer for a draw with 40 Ra8 repeating the position. Albert Dormer | quite level Now a fierce race The text distances Black's

knight from White's dangerous passed "a" pawn. 40 Ka1 Rg6 41 Re7+ Kd9

So great was the confusion after the rush to reach the time control that the tournament officials here erroneously announced that Black had lost on time, a statement which they soon had to retract. Nevertheless, Black's 41st is the losing error after which he can no longer prevent the coronation of White's "a" pawn. 41...Kd5 would have retained drawing chances. Ros 43 K/2 North 94+ 45 Kug4 f5+ Bub2 47 RoT+ Kc2



White plays and wins.

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# Marshall the key to West Indian reaction

Cricket Correspondent Kingston, Jamaica

After the revolution comes the reckening. The established order has been spectacularly overturned in one of cricket's more surprising weeks, but even the conquering England side, justly basking in maintagined glory, must know that power does not change hands without dispute. Trinidad.

If they are estitled to fear swift retaliation, England have already succeeded where many previous touring sides here have failed, obliging West Indies to analyse what they had come to take for granted. When one has exhausted all the acceludes for England's cricket during the first Test, giving due credit to Gooch's captaincy, Lamb's batting and the rare discipline of the four bowlers, it has to be admitted

that something went very wrong with West Indies. Whether it was arrogance,

Kingston - It is all too easy, in triumphant players back into all but that was yesterday. It's an active role on this tour. this wondrous week of Test cricket, to dismiss the one-day game as a trivial sideshow (Alan Lee writes), England, of course, can afford no such complacency as they enter today's third limited-overs international here with the series still level at 0-0 thanks to two washed out games in

To make the point tellingly, on the morning after the night before, Micky Stewart, the

team manager, ordered his. munal lapse, this was a great team playing unaccountably poorly. It goes without saying

that they are capable of very much better but specific areas of their game must be causing acute auxiety.
In all their years of dominating world cricket, West Indies' game plan has assumed cer-tain dependable factors. They

have had the best opening pair

batting at No. s 6 and 7 if the stroke making middle order should fall, and they have had Malcolm Marshall, not just leading the attack but direct-

concentrate only on tomor-

"The less experienced your

players become the longer it

come down to earth.

To differing degrees all three vital components failed to function at Sabina Park, none more strikingly than Marshall. It was not simply that this master of his art took in Greenidge and Haynes, only one tail-end wicket. Much they have had same, quality mere conspicuous was that he

the nets with the exhortation - history now - the important to forget yesterday's news and game is always tomorrow. players but it is vital to keep it. Hemmings instead of Hussain going and try to make winning and replacing Malcolm with

takes them to learn that what is done is done," Stewart said. "It takes them some while to "We told them when the Medlycott with match con- men AND from GAG Test ended to make the most difions. Indeed, both men of the moment and enjoy it. It must be wondering if, rather was a great experience for us than when, they will resume

had no amparent enthusiasm

either for bowling or for involving himself with the

other bowlers. When he did

bowl, be hardly engaged top.

It did not pass amnoticed.

Lamb expressed surprise that Marshall "sort of threw in the

towel" on the second after-

noon, while Vivian Richards

was so unimpressed by his senior bowler's demeanour

England, baving digested many congratulatory calls and When you have a bit of cables yesterday, will revert to success if does wonders for the their one-day mode, choosing either DeFreitas or Lewis.

To that end, there is no west stones I v A Richards question of England using contains CA General Delivers Res today's game as a chance 10 Richardson, CI Hopper, CA Seek, KLT Arhund, PJL Dujon, EA Mosaley, M D Reacquaint Bailey and Marshal, CA Water, I R Sishop, EA E Baptista.

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ing, with two England wickets remaining, or on the final day. Marshall and Richards have not always seen eye to eye. But while there is no noticeable friction between them, the sight of the great bowler wandering in the deep field, removed from the action,

certainly does nothing for the cause of a team enduring a rare He will be 32 next mouth

time left at this level but if than they did here, of Richards West Indies are to respond to this mexpected challenge they must have a properly fit and motivated Marshall to help

The other critical area is the middle-order batting, already suffering from the absence of Gus Logie and now confesed by Richards's insistence on going in as low as No. 6.

Logic has been a thorn in

England's side on many occa-sions, stabilizing his team whenever the cavalier instincts of the top order led them into difficulties. His broken finger will keep him out until the third Test at least and in his absence Richards has plainly nominated himself as the shepherd of a suddenly vulner-

Richardson did himself no justice here, playing with scant regard for the circumstances. Best looks short of class if high on determination; Hooper suffers from quite the strolling out to perform a rescue act, unable to express himself in the way he needs to

West Indies have named an unchanged 13 for next week's second Test in Georgetown, Guyana, but two cha the final team can be antici-

David Gower: If I were Vivian Richards, page 37 More cricket ....

pated. Keith Arthurton could replace Hooper, as much for his left-handedness as anything, and on a pitch which traditionally lacks pace, Patterson will probably make way for the first Test appear e of Ezra Moseley.

Personnel, however, may matter less than profes ism, a quality the world champious - for that is what they remain, the Kingston miracle nothwithstanding - must erreverse. There is every danger, gently restore to their game.



TRAVEL

#### LAST STOP BEFORE **ANTARCTICA**

Despite its remoteness, Patagonia welcomes tourists. Michael Watkins took a cruise south from **Buenos Aires to keep** company with many thousands of penguins and to take tea with members of the Welsh community which has survived so far from home since 1865. Page 63

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England's win in the first Test might encourage more people to take a Caribbean holiday to matches. James Henderson and Brian Viner have visited Guyana and the three important games.



In our series on activity holidays, Robin choices available to painters. Packages, including tuition if in this country and in several countries

coincide with the other islands which host the

#### THE ART OF TRAVEL



Neillands describes the required, are assessed abroad. Page 62

# Scots canny over Welsh visit

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Scotland have learnt during the last decade not to fear Cardiff Arms Park. Respect for the Welsh remains but in five visits Scotland have won twice and lost two of the other games by the merest handful of points. Today, though, they approach their third five nations' championship match of the season in a state of uncertainty.

That is caused not by their own record this season: unbeaten, though not in the most convincing manner, against ireland and France. But they, like the rest of us, do not quite know what to expect. "I'm always wary of anyone who says the Welsh are in decline," lan McGeechan, the Scottish coach, said. "Rugby is such a passion for them. They are not far away from being a very strong side."

Victory in Cardiff for the Scots would create a marvel" lous aimosphere Murrayfield on March 17, because they would then play a similarly unbeaten England for the grand slam. But McGeechan is far too canny to think further ahead than four o'clock this afternoon, when a urther perspective can be

idded to the extraordinary vents of the last fortnight. History's successful milimy commanders have always and prepared positions to vhich to retreat in times of tress, and from which they an sally forth refreshed; the Velsh Rugby Union over the ast decade can scarcely be ikened to a Wellington or Aarlborough but, co-ncidentally, Neath have given

hem a fall-back position. It is not so much what death's seven players may roduce in the colours of

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A Emyr (Swansee)	11	Left wing	(Settor	11
D W Evans	10	Stand off	C M Chaimers (Melrose)	10
R N Jones*	9	Scrum half	G Armstrong	9
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K H Phillips - · ·	2	Hooker	K S Miline (Heriot's FP)	2
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Championship table



sense of optimism and a new beginning from the dire circumstances of Twick-Vales as the trick which has enham, February 17 - which

France in Cardiff after a mediocre decade of 18 victories in 40 championship

matches. Neath's success as a club unit, allied to the appointment - forced though it was - of their own man, Ron Waldron, as the national coach, have caused a nation to look forward rather than glooming mournfully over the record defeat by England. Perhaps that was inevitable: there was,

after all, every reason to forget the past and look to the future. But Neath offer the Welsh a een worked of creating a itself followed defeat by positive element to which to

full rein by Rene Hourquet, the French referee. Neither team sets overmuch store by the set scrum, nor does it possess the largest of lineout men. But every player in the team contributes and supports in a method which is like a smouldering fire, no sooner quelled in one place than it

bursts out in another. There is no guarantee that what has worked for Neath same team has done duty this will work for Wales, because the method has been diluted by the presence of other players accustomed to other ways. But at this moment the possibility that it will work is ence garnered by eight of them



than a black one." On the face of it, all the advantages lie with Scotland in this 94th match between the countries, save for the fact that

they are away from home ~ but then, three of this season's six championship matches have been won away. The year and most of it was together last season, which engenders a mutual confidence and esteem

Allied to that is the experi with the British Isles in Australia; if only there were not this nagging feeling that the Weish are due to come up trumps today (English cricket, for surprises). For the first "But our approach will be time in a couple of seasons, the same as in the other the back row has a bettergames. We have concentrated balanced look to it, though all through on getting our own Mark Perego, the Llanelli game right, working on fireman, will have to come perfecting the pattern we wish swiftly to terms with the pace to play. It is no disrespect to of international rugby in an the opposition to say that we area where Finlay Calder, have worked more on our game Derek White and John Jeffrey than paid undue attention to have competed together so many times.

#### Cooke concentrates on English game likely to react to that heavy foundation of England's of the grand slam. defeat with a great deal of renaissance this season, is By Peter Bills leoff Cooke, the England pride and commitment. The underlined by Cooke's attitude eam manager, whose players ace of a new coach can to Scotland, now the only team end the five nations' champ-

only enhance those virtnes. mship table this morning, is "All Wales, and the new if from convinced that his sam's 34-6 application of man in charge, will be des-

perately keen to make a big impact. I expect the whole vales will extend depression Weish nation will get behind "I think Scotland will find it

ery difficult indeed to win in The power of positive the championship, with both than paid undue att ardiff," he said. "Wales are thought, which has been the teams in with an opportunity other teams plans."

Injuries leave Rangers in no

state for a speedy recovery

By Roddy Forsyth

Robertson, John Colquhoun

McLean said: "We have lost

thirteen goals against us this

was scored by these three

players. Last week their scor-

ing rate was phenomenal, they

had six shots on target and

four ended in the net, which is

ourselves with basic errors in

the cup match and we let our

supporters down but we have

applied ourselves in training

this week and now our players

have to show that they have the character to overcome

setbacks. It is up to them

entirely whether they are ca-

pable of winning a place in

Europe next sesson."

We made things hard for

a strike rate of real quality.

season and all but one of them

effective in Scotland.

'hatever the state of Rangers' Cup victory last Saturday. If

Celtic at Parkhead in the quired any further inflation, it

offish Cup, they will not be was offered by the Motherwell

the best of physical health manager, Tommy McLean,

day when they attempt to who yesterday identified the

gain their momentum in the Hearts' forward line of John

Dens Park to meet Dundee, and Scott Crabbe as the most

emier division with a visit

bottom club in the table.

Richard Gough has not yet overed from his foot opera-

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therwell. This time their

aness is in the league and

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orale after Sunday's defeat their swelling confidence re-

between his side and a grand

"We really do not mind whether Scotland win in Cardiff or not. In a sense, it would create a marvellous finale to

Hearts will be obliged to do

without Gary Mackay, who is

suspended, and be will prob-

ably be replaced by Sandison,

while McCreery is fit to start.

Motherwell badly missed

Davie Cooper last week and it

seems likely that his groin

injury will cause him to be

level on the 28-point mark as

they compete for the final

European place open to Scot-

tish teams. For all their sease

of well-being following last

week's victory over Rangers,

Celtic bave a tough home

fixture against Dundec United

whose record at Parkhead in

recent years has been impres-

sive. Inevitably, the thirteen

Celtic players who emerged

victorious from the Old Firm

Motherwell and Celtic are

bsent today.

#### Christie will run if he wants to

derby are on duty once again. against test Cermany in same venue eight days ago, flag on.

Linford's comments about with Steve Fulton added to the end. His name was neverthe- Anckland."

By David Powell

Linford Christie, Britain's by the British Amateur Ath-

this weekend.

last night to say: "If I want to run, 🖺 run." Only a handful of British

athletes who appeared in the Commonwealth Games a month ago have made themselves available for these championships, the first time they have been held in Britain. Christie said that he and Ron Roddan, his coach, would make their decision this national director of coaching.

Elsewhere, the card is made up by Hibernian and St Mirren, who meet at Easter Road, and Aberdeen's visit to East End Park to meet

fastest ever sprinter, was keep- letic Board. ing officials guessing yesterday The board declined to select

over whether or not he would a third athlete at either disappear in the two-day Euro- tance in the hope that Christie, pean athletics championships or Marcus Adam, the at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, Commonwealth 200 metres champion, who had given the Christie, who indicated last same impression, would weekend that he would not change their minds. Adam compete, flew in from London confirmed on Thursday night that he would not be taking

> Les Jones, the Britain team manager, said: "Discussions have been going on with Linford and his coach."

While it might seem unreasonable that a good young prospect, such as Darren Braithwaite, should be kept out to accommodate Christie's whims. Frank Dick, the said: "We expect a lot of After competing for Britain Linford Christie, or anyone at against East Germany at the that level who we hang our

softness of the track and gave the softness of the track might the impression that he had no have referred to the fact that interest in running either the he was still feeling his legs 60 metres or 200m this week- when he came back from

what does the phrase "within banking hours" mean to you? to us it means 24 hrs a day.

and Scott Hastings, centres in

the modern mould whose

greatest strength is, well, their

the match is sponsored by

British Coal: apart from the

fact that their product is as

black as the jerseys of Neath,

they also symbolise a tra-

ditional feature of Welsh life.

The mines have been closing

for some years now but maybe

Neath will provide the open-

ing of a new door for Welsh

More rugby, page 50

Perhaps it is an omen that

strength.

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sition midfield. It is time, too,

for the talented Welsh backs to

take a hand, if someone will

only give them some decent

Both David Evans and

Mark Ring have the ability to

weave elusive patterns in at-

tack, and they will want to

bring Allan Bateman, the new

centre, into the scheme of

things as soon as practicable.

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## Waldron positive of leading Welsh revival

There is a strange compulsion attached to a coach. It is a that what he has to impart is eminently worthy of imparting, and that the knowledge is his alone — and the altraism of wanting to share the secret so that others might benefit, too.

If, however, that was all, few coaches would last very long. The national register of coaches would be the slimmest of volumes, success being the ingredient which feeds both qualities. But a coach has to deal with failure which, because he does not play, he takes more deeply and personally than any of the players. What makes it work, then, is the very necessary

Welsh coaches need such a skinful of the stuff nowadays that you wonder why anyone in his right mind should be tempted to the job in the first place. But to take it on in the second place,



picking up the pieces left by another, seems to require the

instincts of the lemming.

While John Ryan, the former national coach, left disillusioned through one door, Ron Waldron, his successor, popped out just as neatly, smiling, from another. Didn't be feel awkward taking over

"No," says Waldron, in his no-nonsense way. "Think positive. The timing is in my favour. There is no time to worry about the plans for the season's campaign. I can't worry about the players' levels of fitness. I can't have any doubts

about the current set-up. "But what was important was selection, and my approach depended on that. To be chairman,

and to have the casting vote, was necessary. A coach needs to be an honest person and to think clinically, so that he is able to stand up to justify his position and his selection."

Waldron is a man of strong views and character. When he stood on the stairway of the Angel Hotel to announce his first team, which plays Scotland at Cardiff today, he did so as the "man most likely to", finally assuming the role of chairman of a big conglomerate forced to announce dis-appointing interim results. He did so, bullishly, looking over his half-glasses and, at

crucial moments, taking them off as if to challenge anyone present who thought that the crisis was due to anything other than poor

He did not err by laying the blame anywhere else. The fixed look on any of the questioners

control had better show an upturn in performance. The shareholders, you might say, were left with an air of optimism. They believed in the man in charge. While Waldron has been in the

vanguard of change at Neath since 1982, it came as a surprise that he had coached the club back in the late 1960s. He resigned on some principle or other, which he has now forgotten, but continued to coach Neath Athletic Youth and then the Welsh Youth. Recent success for him has overshadowed everything, even, I would guess, the four caps he won in Wales's triple crown year of 1965.
"There was a conscious decision

in 1982 that Neath had to change," Waldron said. "Brian Thomas, David Shaw, Glen Ball and myself came together and decided that Neath, who had long been in the doldrums, needed to once more play a prominent role in

Welsh rugby.

"The general work of the committee is vital, of course, but it was the selection of the right kind of players that came first. Players had to relate to the way we wanted Neath to play. It was partly traditional. From the days of Rees Stephens and Brian Sparks, we had had big, mobile, uncompromising players. Not just in the forwards but in the backs, too. They all had to be very skilfal.

"It hasn't all been plain sailing.

We have had our rows on the way things should be done, but such arguments have been vital to clear the air as well as direct our thoughts more clearly. Brian Thomas, for instance, would pose an outrageous point of view simply to get a response. People on any mittee must have a point of view and, whatever it is, it has to be wood. You can't afford that." Last year, aged 55, he retired early from the steelworks. This put him in a unique position. As men of independent means, or professional men who could control their comings and goings, have played a vital part in sport's administration in the past, Waldron, now, in a different way, was free of work constraints.

The time was his own to devote as he wished. It is an enormous advantage in an amateur sport. However, he is again working for James Scott, the electrical en-gineering company which is part of the Amec group. "But they are kind, and we have a very flexible

arrangement," he says.
Waldron needs that flexibility because he interprets his role more widely than those coaches before him. "We need in Wales to establish a better direction for all those involved in rugby," he said.
"I have already met Alan Phillips [of Cardiff], Gareth Jenkins [Linnelli] and Alun Donovan [Swan-

BOWLS: CAPTIVATED CROWD AWAITS SEMI-FINAL OF A CAVALIER AUSTRALIAN

seal to discuss basic disciplines and philosophy. In time, I'll meet the other clabs, too. And I intend to meet schools and youth groups.
"It is important that Wales has

a common theme running right a common meme running right through the game at every level. There is what you might call a national programme in New Zea-land. The same should apply to Wales, with its distinctive style."

Waldron will not be relinquishing his role in Neath just yet. Clearly, from what he says, there will be no respite for other Welsh clubs. "Neath is still a young team. The best is not here yet," he says. There is so much more to do.

And we are becoming more community-minded. The whole town feels so much better for having a good rugby team. We are developing a family atmosphere. We now have a commercial committee in place, and we want to develop rugby from the age of 11

Club pairs

strong in

last-eight

matches

By David Rhys Jones

Ian Schuback, the Australian with the cavalier looks who has captivated the crowd in his attempt to become the first

title, has been practising daily on the portable rink before most

terday, however, was pairs semi-final day at the Preston Guild

Rees and Price of Swansea; Smith and Thomson of Cy-phers; Duniop and Baker of Co Antrim; Smyth and Halmai of Paddington; the Robertsons of

East Lothian: it was surely no coincidence that five of the pairs

in the quarter-finals of the £117,000 Embassy World In-

door championships in Preston were club partnerships.

Two-bowl pairs is neither fish

nor fowl. That there are eight bowls in the head by the completion of each end — half

the number of the more tra-ditional forward pairs — should

make it a similar game, prac-tically speaking, to singles.

However, the fact that each

combatant goes to war with only

half his ammunition places greater emphasis on drawing to

the jack than in the single-handed game, increases tension

and gives more significance to each delivery. Dovetailing and a high degree of mutual under-

Steve Rees, surprised to learn

standing is essential.

of his fellow-competitors have risen from their beds. Yes-

RUGBY UNION: PRIDE AND REVENGE WILL SPUR FRANCE AT PARC DES PRINCES

## Ireland could suffer from French chic and Blanco's magic

By Bryan Stiles

The Parc des Princes could well be the setting this afternoon for that prince of players, Serge Blanco, to take his leave of the game that he has graced so flamboyantly for more than 10 years.

For the past two seasons he has been strutting the stage with far less assurance. The dramatic gestures have not been having the old mesmeric effect on the opposition. Even sitting in the gods at the back of the stands his devotees realise he has been forgetting his lines more often and appears to be searching for the prompt board to discover what his next move should be.

Even at the peak of his powers he tended to drift away from centre stage for periods only to pop up from the trap door and perform a breathtaking piece of magic that would turn a tragedy into a triumph.

Perhaps with artistry and flair out of fashion in the Fouroux set-up it would be an appropriate time to bow out. But Blanco, like most of the French team, has a score he would like to settle before he departs. He wants to be on the winning side against New Zealand in the World Cup

give a sharper edge to his skills the natural ball-playing skills seasons and they will expect in this afternoon's bottom-of- of the French. the table game against Ireland. and help him keep his place in the French team for the build up to the cup competition.

of a traumatic season for the French, who, much to his glorious open play that was their trademark.

Even last season, when France concentrated on forward power, who could forget the finger-tipped dexterity and the flowing grace which brought Blanco a try against Wales in Paris. The supreme athlete exhibiting the skills of the conjuror.

#### Gala will be tested by Exiles

Despite what will be unprecedented national interest in Scotland's fortunes at the National Stadium there is an extensive domestic programme of rugby in Scotland today (Alan Lorimer

In the South of Scotland, there are two interesting cross-border fixtures, Middlesbrough playing Kelso at Poynder Park and Roundhay the visitors to Hawick, Kelso, already without the services of John Jeffrey, will be without their former Lion's wing, Roger Baird, who is in Paris this weekend, Mike Hindhaugh deputizing for him on the left wing

The Poynder Park club also introduce a new hooker, the 21-year-old Brian Cassie. Roundhay have in the past few seasons provided suff opposition for the former Scottish champions, Hawick, who today bring in David Gray at scrum half and David Armstrong for the Scotland replacements Greig Oliver and Derek Turnbull.

At Netherdale, London Scottish will be making their third appearance this season north of the border when they face Gala, whose resurgence has posed problems for several first di-

Gala will be tested up front by a pack containing two Cam-bridge Blues, Andy Hobs, at No. 8 and Andy MacDonald, the Scotland B player, at lock.

Melrose, the favourites for the McEwan's championship should have a relauvely easy match at the Greenvards against the third division side. Royal High, but even so, with Craig Chalmers the notable absentee they are at virtually full strength for what will be a preparation for their crucial league match next Saturday against Jed-forest.

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(Racing Club) P Lagisquet	11	Left wing	(Garryowen) K D Crossan	1
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(Béziers) H Sanz	9	Scrum half	(Oxford University) L F P Aherne	
(Nartonne) M Pujolie	1	Prop	(Lansdowne) J J Fitzgerald	
(Nice) L Armary	2	Hooker	(Young Munster) T J Kingston	
(Lourdes) P Ondarts	3	Prop	(Dolphin)  D C Fitzgerald	
(Barritz)  J-M Lhermet	6	Flanker	(Lansdowne) PTJO'Hara	
(Montlerrand) T Devergie	4	Lock	(Sunday's Well) D G Lenihan*	
(Nimes) J Condom	5	Lock	(Constitution) N P Francis	
(Biarritz) O Roumat	7	Flanker	(Blackrock College) W D McBride	
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More than that, he wants to are having to play because of

He has picked his way attacking back play following irritatedly through the debris the observation by Albert dismay, have abandoned the Didier Camberabero would quickly into play.

Having carried out a major blood-letting before the game against Scotland - 10changes, including positional switches - the French must have been fairly happy with the way the team performed at Murrayfield before Carminati was dismissed for stamping. The French ending their season on Blanco and his senior col- game was finely poised at that a winning note.

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which comes to Europe next leagues are clearly not happy stage, with Scotland leading by with the way the French team only three points. The French supporters have be in the cup-winning team. It Fouroux's insistence on power been used to lording it over is an ambition that could well play instead of giving rein to the rest of Europe in recent

> He might be a little happier this afternoon, for it is a fairly safe bet that the visiting Irish will be treated to a little more Ferrasse, the all-powerful French rugby president, that have to bring his backs more

## promise By Alan Lorimer

expected, given Stanger's ogress through the different age-levels of ragby and his string of representative honours at each stratum. Yet it was the decision to select him for Scot-

In Japan, where he celebrated

chaminus march agency Japan in Tokyo.
"I was disappointed that I did not play for Scotland in Japan but I decided to train hard over breaks would come my way," he

Stanger trained with a local "sprint school" during the summer to develop his speed, and combined this with weight training. Although this was aimed at improving his performance on the rugby field, Stanger "peaked" sufficiently to win the Jedburgh 90-metre handicap, no small feat in an area where professional sprinting is strong, and the dedication to training has continued throughout the

"It was a much more physical game," he recalls. "The tackling was harder, there was little time to think; the opposition was better." His second championship game, against France, was different: "It was at home and I had had the experience of the Irish match. But it helped that Scotland got on top early on in the game."

Against Wales, Stanger will be opposite the British Isles player, Mike Hall. It will also be player, Mike Hall, it will also be his first appearance at the National Stadium. "I'm looking forward to the experience, al-though I believe it is a very daunting place," Stanger said. " I don't think I will be put off by the huge Welsh crowd. They appreciate good rugby from either side."

#### Stanger is primed to fulfil his

Few Scottish wings can have made a better start to their international careers than Tony Stanger, who scored two tries on his first appearance, against Fiji, and went one better against Romania. Five tries is an impressive total under any circumstances, but in two games something special; it earned him headlines along the "Stanger in Paradise" theme.

Not that this was entirely

his 21st birthday, he was second string to Iwan Tukalo and Matt Duncan, and was unable to win a place in Scotland's team for the calaminus match against Japan

Stanger trained with a local

Stanger made his first appearance in the five nations' champ-ionship against Ireland in Dublin, where Scotland found the going much tougher than did Stanger.

from his partner, John Price, that he had been dropped from contest the home international

series next month, gritted his teeth and gave a good display of two-wood leading on St David's

from a two sets to nil scoreline to beat Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, the former British champions. Price gained in confidence as Thomson declined and Wales scored 21 shots to seven over the last three sets.

Rees and Price found themselves in a similar predicament ... yesterday, losing the first two sets to Tony Allcock and David Bryant, title winners three times in the last four years.

This time there was no way back for the Weish pair, despite a third-set victory. The previous champions finished with a count of three to take the fourth set and complete a 7-6, 7-3, 4-7, 7-5 win and move through to this afternoon's final.

Pairs: Semi-Grat T Alcock and D Bryant
Pin-pointed: Schuback (centre) studies the lie during his quarter-final against Wood (right)

(Eng) bt 8 Rees and J Price (Wales), 7-6,
7-3, 4-7, 7-6.

#### **Active Cornwall motivated** to reach the county final By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

victory and a better display of

The Irish have had their ill-

luck this season and the loss of

Macdonald, their hooker, this

week was a hard blow for a

pack that has not posed too

many problems for the oppo-

Jimmy Davidson's team tra-

vel hopefully. They have taken comfort from their im-

proved display against the Scots following their worrying

collapse at Twickenham. But

history is against them. They have not won in Paris since

1972 and the odds are on the

Like all true Irishmen.

sition so far.

native skills this afternoon.

same dates as the divisional championship."

The Cornish constabulary, wor-ried no doubt about an influx to Redruth of Middlesex support-Cornwall have not been idle ers waving their cordless tele-phones, were relieved to hear that the crowd at today's Toshiba county championship semi-final will be largely un-diluted: invasions out of Lon-don tend not to match those into the capital so the 80 or so with Middlesex will hardly be noticed amid the 11.000 spurring Cornwall on to the final at promising young forwards as Haag and Reed have been adding to their experience with Bath and Plymouth Albion respectively. Twickenham on April 7. Many of them will recall, too.

that Middlesex baulked Redruth in the 1987 semi-final in the rather more dispassionate set-ting of the Stoop Memorial ground. On their own sod it may be a different matter; for all that Middlesex have made a number of changes since their qualifying games when they scraped through only by a point against Hertfordshire, and by three against Hampship against Hampshire.

"We expected them to load the team up once they reached this stage of the competition." this stage of the competition.
Vic Phillips, Cornwall's secretary, said. "What I want to
know is what they are going to
do next season when the senior clubs say they are not going to release players for county games that are being played on the

The Welsh Rugby Union has mended bridges with Argentina and is likely to tour there between the 1991 and 1995 World Cups (David Hands

writes). Strong feelings were engendered after losses by Welsh military units during the Falklands conflict eight years ago but junior sides resumed visits to Wales in 1987. Argentina play the other home countries on tour this autumn but Denis Evans, the

WRU secretary, said yesterday:

since scoring 100 points in the two group matches after their 6-6 draw with Berkshire last September. There have been games against the Royal Navy and a Chief Constable's XV, to keep them in trim while such

In the other semi-final Lanin the other semi-final Lan-cashire, with 10 Orrell players, play Warwickshire at Orrell. Des Seabrook, the county coach and former assistant England coach, said: "With so much league rugby being played, I have established a theme of county players enjoying their rugby for Lancashire instead of sweating and worrying about league points. But I very much

want these boys to get to Twickenham and have the opportunity of playing there." With so much attention fo-cused on the south of the country, Lancashire will be keen to sustain a proud northern tradition against a Warwick-shire side based on a rapidlyimproving Coventry.
Seven Warwickshire players

Wales likely to tour Argentina "We are due to go there after the World Cup." Evans also con-firmed the programme for Wales's visit to Namibia in

 A club programme abbreviated by the five nations championship matches is hit, too, by England's squad training this weekend and the county championship semi-finals.

Travers. Robbins and the two Thomases - were part of the 1986 championship-winning XV and would enjoy a return to Twickenham.

Twickenham.

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Cornwall Police), S Regers (Camborne), D
Weeks (Camborne), G Charpojon (Devon
and Cornwall Police), D Rule (Camborne);
J May (Redruth), G Dawe (Bath), R Keest
(Redruth), J Polgiase (Camborne), R
Hang (Bath), A Reed (Plymouth Abion), A
Black (Lydney), G Williams (Camborne),
MEDOLÉSEX: S Robinson (Saracons); S
Smith (Wasps), R Lozowski (Wasps), A
Thompson (Hartequins), M Wedderburn
(Hartequins); M Fletcher (Hartequins), F
Seadman (Saracons); R Williams (London Weish), J McFarland (Saracons), G
Holmes (Wasps), M Rigby (Wasps), L
Adamson (Saracons), S Deer (Rossyn
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Coventry take a weakened squad to Wasps, as do Orrell to Headingley. Leicester have restored Hooper (prop) and Tom Smith (lock) while Kardoon (scrum half) and Tony Underwood (wing) return against Rugby at Webb Ellis Road. Sale meet Northern with Jee

fit after an ankle injury and playing at stand-off half. Bond, a former Sale favourite, makes his comeback in the centre for Askeans against Stourbridge after injury.

#### CYCLING

## Maxwell is up against a big field Peter Maxwell, the Liverpud-lian, defends his title against an enormous field of 200 in the classic Eddie Soens Mamorial

classic Eddie Soens Memorial Handicap 50-mile road race on Special Correspondent writes). Then, like last year, Maxwell, aged 22, will travel to France on Monday to Trois, to ride for the top French club VC Aube. Last year at Aintree, he outsprinted Wayne Randle (Chesterfield Coureurs) and Ben Luckwell (Manchester Wheelers), the two top riders in Britain last season. Luckwell, the winner of the Star Trophy series has just turned professional for Ever Ready after riding for Great Britain many times. But Maxeye of Doug Dailey, the national coach, even though they are both in the Kirkby-Colorvision Maxwell's main aim this year

is to gain selection for Great Britain in the Milk Race. SPEED SKATING

Leading pair go for Britain Ian Gooch and Wilf O'Reilly, the Olympic gold medal winner, carry British hopes in the world championships in Amsterdam from March 16 to 18. Gooch,

O'Reilly seventh.
The pair are joined by Mat-thew Jasper and Ian Ellis, both from Nottingham, in the world team championships in Ghent, Belgium, on March 10 and 11, and in the individual championships a week later.

aged 17, from London, finished fourth in the recent Europa Cup

meet in Rheims, France, with

#### Jones assumes responsibility for Britain's hopeless cause

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

Ann Jones has been given the unenviable job of lifting British women's tennis back to the would like to summarize the simply to get more girls playing levels the nation craves and she herself achieved more than 20 years ago. Yesterday, Jones, at the age of 51, was appointed women's international tennis director by the Lawn Tennis

Compared to this task, her 1969 Wimbledon title will seem like a stroll in the sunshine. Britain has only one player, Monique Javer, in the top 100; the Wightman Cup has been temporarily suspended because of our inadequacy and, Sarah Loosemore apart, there are no real signs of improvement on Having been involved in Brit-

Having been involved in British tennis over the past 20 years in various roles, the latest being international team captain, Jones has no illusions about the size of the mountain facing her and Richard Lewis, who has

Noah tops Wirrall bill

Yannick Noah, Pete Sampras and Brad Gilbert will head the cast for the \$250,000 (about £156,000) Wirral International at the Ashton Park Club from June 18 to 23 (Andrew Longmore writes). But the event still has not been officially sanctioned by the LTA because of an alleged unsettled debt of \$1 of an alleged unsettled debt of \$1 million (£625,000) which, the LTA says, should have been paid to Boris Becker, last year's

for the LTA to sanction the event until the dispute is set-But Mike Ross, the tour-, year.

state of British women's tennis, tennis. she replied: "No thanks". Such odds will not deter Jones, who was known for her determination and singlemindedness on court, and the players might find that the wind of change is fairly chilly over the

self-help.
"Tennis is an individual sport and it is up to the players to produce the goods on the court. I feel, sometimes, that too much ries, sometimes, that not much is being done for the players. Yes, they need some support, but they have to do the major part of the work themselves," she said yesterday.

next two years. Jones is a believer in the philosophy of

nament organizer, said yes-terday that the dispute had been settled and that the \$1 m, which had been offered to any player winning the Wirral and Wimbledon, had been with-drawn when Becker announced matter is over. I have explained it all to Becker's management and they understand. The LTA

paid to Boris Becker, last year's are simply being difficult because they are running their own tournament in the same for the LTA to sanction the week 35 miles down the road in event until the dispute is set-tled," the LTA executive direc-tor, Ian Peacock, said.

Manchester," he said. "I am very hopeful that Boris will come and defend his title this

tennis.

"The boys game has exploded recently and I hope that something similar will happen in the girls' game because we need to have a broader base in the game. In my day, there was more tennis played in the schools and then, in the holidays, the girls graduated to the junior tournaments. The gap has widened a lot recently," she said.

With Jones and Warren Jacques, the international men's team manager, Lewis will be the third part of the triumvirate which will control British tennis over the next few years.

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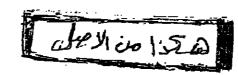
over the next few years.

Lewis, who has been in charge of boys junior training, now takes on overall responsibility for girls and boys as director of national training and, possibly as much for geographic — Jones will still be based in Birmingham — as structural reasons, he will take on much of the administration previously handled by Mappin.

"I'm not going to be an administrator, but I'll be very much involved with the management of staff and players through the national training department," Lewis said.

It would be asking too much of the new team to produce dramanic changes of fortune over the next two years, but, with Ann Jones in charge, there will be no shortage of heart and soul either. "Look what happened in the cricket," she added brightly. Perhaps her first call should be to Graham Greet. pened in the cricket, she added brightly. Perhaps her first call should be to Graham Gooch, that well-known resurrector of hopeless causes.

The new idel of American tennis, page 54



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## FOOTBALL: ASTON VILLA AWAIT TRIAL BY TELEVISION FOLLOWING A HICCUP IN THEIR TITLE CHASE Taylor looking to strengthen side

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Graham Taylor, manager of Aston Villa, the leaders of the first division, admitted last night he is still looking to strengthen his squad before this month's transfer deadline. I have been trying to sign players all season, but those I want are not available at the right price," he said.
"I will continue to search

for what I'm looking for but, if nothing materializes, I am not going to be pressurized by the deadline. The players I have got have been good enough to get us to the top of the table, and I would be more than happy to leave things in their

with Coventry City tomorrow.

Club Dain But the television audience, wishing to assess the true calibre of the Villa team aspiring to prevent Liverpool wearing the championship last-jigh crown for the second successive year, will be a sceptical television audience.

Beyond Villa's immediate supporters, few around the country now believe that the admirable team fashioned by Taylor can stay the full

The game at Highfield Road will not provide the answer, either way, but it will give important evidence of Villa's heart for the heat of the battle. "If I were one of the neutrals, I would probably be backing Liverpool myself," Taylor

Defeat by Wimbledon is the immediate form guide, and the popular reading of that

By Louise Taylor

Those who called for a super-league built around England's so-called "Big Five" clubs are

keeping quiet at present; and no wonder. The reality is that only

one of the quintet presently

Arsenal may be the champions, but they have managed only one goal in six games, while Manchester United are flirting with the second division.

Tottenham Hotspar and Ever-ton appear enmeshed in mid-table anonymity, which leaves

would-be connoisseurs with Liverpool, making their usual challenge for the championship.

Thoughts of League titles are

restricted strictly to the realms

of fantasy in Manchester, Luton

former United player, may not have won a match there for 93 years, but this afternoon they

can derive optimism from another statistic which shows

Alex Ferguson's team have not

won at home for three months.

Relegation may not be a problem for Arsenal, but they still have to contend with the

First division

returns to the attack.

Man Utd v Luton

While Manchester United keep faith with the side that lost at Chelsea, Luton may be without Kennedy (shoulder injury). Rees stands by for his debut.

Charlton v Norwich

his debut for Norwich who are

without Butterworth, Linighan, Gordon and Sherwood, Rosario

Gilespe could return after a three-month absence to replace the suspended Hysen in the Liverpool defence, Milwell are

Liverpool v Millwall

Chariton retain the side which drew with Arsenal while Tanner, on loan from Liverpool, will make

qualify for superlatives.

Quality lacking

among 'Big Five'

First division leaders

Bluntly, when a five-point lead over inactive Liverpool beckoned, they lost their nerve and their way, succumbing to a side whose recent credentials are mediocre

Such an assessment, however, disregards all the buildup of form, confidence and the winning knack, as Villa accumulated 46 points from 57 - a Underlining that, Taylor remarkable sequence dating has selected an unchanged back to mid-September. Early side, despite last week's in that run, Villa carned an surprising 3-0 home defeat by army of new admirers with Wimbledon, for the match their televised 6-2 victory over Everton at Villa Park

One of them was John Sillett, the Coventry manager. "I've been more than impressed with them this season," he said. "The Wimbledon defeat was a oneoff. But this is the ideal match to get my lads going, too."

Sillett's season was wrecked by Nottingham Forest's dogged refusal to be removed from their Littlewoods Cup desence at the penultimate stage. Now, Coventry must flex their muscles in an attempt to climb as high as possible in the table, while purging their system of the belief that refereeing decisions deprived them of a Wembley

Coventry include Waugh, the reserve goalkeeper, in their squad, and also Billing, a defender, to cover for Ogrizovic and Kilcline, who have injury problems.

Campbell are two managers to

to establish a telephone line on which to make money while

airing his grievances South-ampton have been hampered by

the internal discord prompted

by Bob Higgins, agent for the Wallace brothers.

ently swept aside during South-ampton's 4-1 win over Norwich

City on Tuesday night, featuring a treble from Le Tissier. Chelsea

will not relish the prospect of trying to containhim as he

attempts to extend his tally of 19

goals, but at least they have Dixon on their side. With one goal less than Le Tissier, he will be charged with unhingeing Southampton's sweeper system.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS.

Nottm Forest v Man City

Orlygsson is recalled by Forest, Wilson dropping out. Heath could replace Clarke in attack for the visitors who still have no place for Alian.

OPR are unchanged while Arsenal omit Pates and Davis, but recall Groves.

Wednesday may omit Medden in order to make room for Shirtiff in defence. Derby defer a decision on whether Blades or Hindmarch will partner Wright.

QPR v Arsenal

Sheff Wed v Derby

Such club politics were appar-

Nor iron bars a cage . . . Pearson has an escape plan for the club with its back to the wall

#### Pearson under no illusions By Dennis Signy

Bob Pearson, promoted to manager of Millwall from the club's back-room staff — in the best Liverpool tradition — appreciates the difficulty of trying to keep the club in the first division, particularly since itvisits Anfield today. expections of supporters fuelled by last May's title truimph. A goalless draw at Charlton Ath-letic in midweek was more the stuff of mere subsistence, and they will be aiming for an improvement against Orecele Despite having no coaching experience, the chief scoat was chosen to replace John Docherty improvement against Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road. Chris Nicholl and Bobby as manager two and a half weeks ago by Reg Burr, the Millwall chairman, because he was a motivator. Yet Pearson reckons that sadarh

have had reason to curse agents this season. While Eric Hall has persauded the disaffected Chel-sea defender, Graham Roberts, that today's match does not require that expertise. "Milwall should not need notivating at Liverpool," Pear-son said yesterday. "To play at Antield is second only to Wembley. If we are going to start a mini revival, there is no better place to start. I will tell them to forget past results, to go out and relax and play the football that

took them to the top of the table at the start of the season and not worry about the result. worry about the result.

"I am not talking about winning. I would love to win but have to be realistic. The English cricketers have shown in the West Indies this week that anything is possible in sport, but all I am asking from them is to

Wimbledon v Everton

Second division

Tomorrow

First division Coventry v A Villa

Watford v Leeds

Wimbledon add Blackwell to their squad. Whiteside (groin strain) faces a late fitness test for

Watford recall Williams at left back for Drysdale. Leeds, injury free, will choose between Kamara and Sterland at right back.

With Ogrizovic and Klickine facing litness tests Waugh and Billing are poised to deputize in goal and cantral defence for Coventry. Vita will field the side beaten 3-0 by Wimbledon:

give a good account of them-selves in order to restore confidence." means that Millwall may have to change their minds about play-ing the sweeper system and stay with four defenders and a

Pearson, aged 50, who gave up being a roofing contractor more than 20 years ago when Tommy Dockerty offered him a partime role as a schoolboy scout at Queen's Park Rangers, has served 14 managers. He knows the dangers of moving into the managerial seat — Dockerty left Rangers the day he was appointed.

"A diamond" is Pearson's assessment of a youngster who assessment of a youngster who involves himself in Millwall's community work and coaches in local schools. Pearson knows that the

Pearson knows that the involves himself in Millwall's Liverpool policy of promoting community work and coaches in from within the ranks achieved success when Bob Paisley and then Joe Fagan succeeded the late Bill Shankly, but he will not home to Queen's Park Rangers, allow communisms. "They were allow comparisons. They were Pearson warns that the time is among my idok," he said ripe for change. His chairman agreed this week to give him in the chair of th today's Liverpool management.

He declines to announce his line-up. "I don't want to let Mr Dalgish know too much," he joked.

The Miliwall players will not even learn until this morning who is playing and the tactical formation that they will employ. A late scare before the team set off yesterday, when the defender Alan McLeary reported a back injury that makes him doubtful, money to bring in replacements. "I will do anything to keep Miliwall up," he said. "If that means baying and selling, that is what I will do, and perhaps now is the time to do it."

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#### Harford at Wimbledon as Gould's assistant

Ray Harford was named as assistant manager to Bobby Gould at Wimbledon yesterday. Formerly in charge of Luton Town and Pulham, Harford fills a vacancy which has been left open since August, when Don Howe departed from Plough Lane for Queen's Park Rangers (Louise Taylor writes).

Lane for Queen's Park Rangers (Louise Taylor writes).

Last summer, Gould declared that he would not be filling the post because he wanted to return to a "track-suit" style of management. However, with Wimbledon not enjoying the best of seasons, and David Kemp, the coach, moving on to

casualty

Patrice Carpentier stepped ashore in Port Stanley yesterday

morning for repairts, the sixth compenior to pull out of the Globe Challenge non-stop

made forced stops.

ntire English season.

Roundhay today.

Ellcock out

Ricardo Ellcock, who returned from England's cricket tour of West Indies without bowling in

single match, is to have a fusion operation on his trouble-

some back and will miss the

SPORT IN BRIEF Non-stop

#### ond successive round of 68 on the Las Brisas course here yesterday to capture the halfway lead in the American Express Mediterranean Open with an aggregate of 136, which is eight Woosnam is not surprised to be in the driving seat, even though this is his first compet-Out 3,459 37 itive lap of the new season, although he has every reason to feel delighted since Las Brisas is remaining where I am," Woosnam said. "I work just as

hard, if not harder, on the practice range, because that is the only way to be sure of an examining challenge.

What is certain is that Woosnam is on the threshold of launching his new season with a best. I've played extremely senstaying competitive against the success that unquestionably would bolster his confidence for would bolster his confidence for the Masters at Augusta next month.

success that unquestionaply would bolster his confidence for very conservative on the greens, but what time at the top has given me is the confidence to go In truth, Woosnam put to-

given me is the confidence to go for the shots if the chance is there to win."

Woosnam has changed the weight distribution in his clubs by taking the lead out of the base of the shaft and replacing it with lead tape on the back of the club head. He is now hitting the ball on a higher trajectory that he has gether his second round in the morning before the wind got up, so making conditions increasso making conditions increasingly frustrating with the greens becoming slicker and more treacherous by the minute. Even so the Weishman, 32 years old yesterday, played with admirable composure and he made only one error when he took three putts at his last hole. There are not too many finer sights in golf than Woosnam at his best. His economical swing stems from a rhythm as smooth as that of any golfer in the game today, although he is the first to agree that he cannot relax if he is to fulfill all his ambitions.

"It was tough breaking through but it is no less difficult."

Woosnam has changed the weight distribution in his clubs by taking the lead out of the base of the shaft and replacing it with lead tape on the back of the club head. He is now hitting the ball on a higher trajectory that he has for some time, which was particularly apparent at the 8th. There he struck a glorious within 10 feet of the hole and wi

From Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent Marbella

Ian Woosnam compiled a sec-

under par.

takes lead at halfway Briggs, who last season finished first on the PGA European Tour satellite circuit, emerged from the pack with a fine 69.

Severiano Ballesteros looked less than happy with life as on several occasions he lost his touch on the greens. He could attribute his 74 to that, and he In 3,205 85 will need to rediscover his
Page 72 confidence to challenge the effervescent Woosnam.

"The greens were extremely unfair," Ballestertos said. The Spaniard's group was the subject of a complaint about slow play from Ken Brown, Barry Lane and Des Smyth, but no action was taken.

Sam Torrance, who scored 72 in the first round, was com-pelled to withdraw after learning that his girlfriend, Suzanne Danielle, had miscarried.

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LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and fre unless stated): 13e: 1 Woosaam, 68, 68, 138: M Martin (Sp.), 69, 69; M James, 67, 71 141: M McNutty (Zm.), 72, 69; E Romero (Arg., 70, 71: N Briggs, 72, 69; M Lanner (Swe), 70, 71: N Briggs, 72, 69; M Lanner (Swe), 70, 71: N Briggs, 72, 69; M Lanner (Swe), 70, 71: N Briggs, 74; D Clark, 74, 68; J Chilros (Swe), 69, 73; C O'Connor Jr., 71, 71 142: R Boxali, 69, 74; J Van de Velde (Fr), 69, 74; P Fowler (Aus.), 71, 72; B Ogle (Aus.), 73, 74; P Fowler (Aus.), 71, 72; B Ogle (Aus.), 73, 74; P Miston, 71, 73, 145; A Forstbrand (Swe), 72, 73; J M Carlizares (Sp.), 69, 76; R Drummond 72, 73; M Pinero (Sp.), 72, 73; P Carrigil 72, 73; K Watters 69, 76; H Chrumer, 73, 73; S Timing (Den), 69, 77; G Turner, 73, 73; M Jimenez (Sp.), 74, 72; C Monigomerte, 73, 73; B Langer (WG), 70, 75, 147; P Hoad 73, 74; V Grmandez (Arg.), 72, 75; P Mistonell, 72, 75; R Harmann (US), 74, 73; J Anglade (Sp.), 74, 75; R Chapman, 73, 74; P Mistonell 72, 75.

## Listless Lyle struggles on

From John Ballantine, Miami

Sandy Lyle is making heavy weather of his return to the US fidence and also the difficulty putter for the approach but left many players experience in scoring well here on the 6,939-yard "blue monster" course.

At the 563-yard hole, Lyle hit two tremendous blows against the wind and then, from 60

the wind and then, from 60 yards in front of an open green, he took four more shots. He tried to pitch and run but his ball stopped in the thick fringe a yard short of the putting surface.

Masalitin debut

Amsterdam (Reuter) — Valeri Masalitin, a forward, is due to make his debut today for Vitesse, of The Netherlands.

At the 563-yard hole, Lyle hit two tremendous blows against the wind and then, from 60

Masalitin debut

HOCKEY

#### Team take MIM struggle to a trail to find their form destruction By a Special Correspondent

From Jeremy Hart Chibonagaman, Canada

After going out in 37 with two birdies and three bogeys in an inconsistent half, Lyle went three over before the 12th tee.

The long 10th was a good

**SNOW SPORT** 

all-woman team in the race. Louise Chamaz, a yachts-woman, Rhoda Cookie, a native Inuit, and Isobelle Charoy, a Paris fashion consultant, nar-

near Chibonagamau, which they

had mistaken for a part of the

sent us down what we found out too late to be train tracks," Chamaz said. "There were other

snownobile tracks on the trail, so we thought we had gone the right way. A kilometre or so down the trail, Isobelle's machine are trail.

chine got stuck, and Rhoda and I got off to help her shift it. It

was then that we realised that we

snowmobiles but, otherwise, we just rested in anticipation of the

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, Mistissini Ski-doo, Shr S3min 55sec; 2, Saguenay Yamaha, at 21min 14sec; 3, St Felicien Yamaha, 3435: 4, Fest Ski-doo, 1:07:49; 5, Mariborough Potaris, 1:14:06.

second half of the race."

"One of the course markers

Murray International Metals, of certain of overcoming their Scotland, once placed among the most respected names in Twenty four of the original entry of 30 teams in the inaugural European indoor hockey, were made to look rather yesterday by Wettingen, of Switzerland, Harricana snowmobile race across Quebec started the second half of the 2,000-mile trek on the opening day of the European club championship at Amiens. from Chibonagaman yesterday. The Scots showed little or six retirements, the most dramatic was that of the only

imagination and struggled all the way in front of over 3,000 spectators. In the end they were glad to settle for a 3-3 draw.

Having dropped this point their prospects of reaching the semi-finals have diminished considerably. Their involvement in the play-off for positions five to eight is not as clear and a stear would have howed

rowly avoided injury when a freight train crushed their three snowmobiles on a railway track cut as they would have hoped. They will now have to win both their remaining group games today against Amiens

and Copenhagen if they are to contest the medals. In their current form this target appears beyond their reach and they will have to step up the game significantly to be absolutely Danish opponents.

Andrew Hay was the only player in their side to display his true potential. He scored all the three goals from set pieces, two of them from corners, and it will

take another performance of similar herculean proportions to restore their pride in the coming days.
St Albans put themselves in with a great chance of reaching the semi-finals by beating Royal Leopold, of Belgium, 74 with

Ian Jennings scoring four of their goals. It was not, however, a good day for the representatives of Wales and Ireland. Swansea were beaten 12-6 by Amsterdam, while Hollywood Kaliber from Belfast went under 10-4 to

an excellent Polish side, RESULTS: Group A: Hollywood Keliber 4, Pomorzanin 10; Rot Welss Cologne 10, Pomorzanin 8. Group B: Royal Leopoid 4, St Albans 7; Royal Leopoid 1, Madrid 5, Group C: Copenhagen 1, Wettingen 3; MiM 3, Wettingen 3. Group D: Amsterdam 14, Marathon 3; Amstardam 12 Swensez 6.

#### **DRUGS IN SPORT**

## Steroids Bill delayed

was then that we realised that we were on a rail track."

Fifth overall, after four timed stages, is the team of the former grand prix driver, Patrick Tambay. "This race gets better by the day," he said. "We used a rest day to change the suspension and a few other bits on our snowmobiles but, otherwise, we Winder writes).
Menzies Campbell, Liberal-

resort (5pm)

icy snow 1

fair crust poor snow -2

A Misuse of Drugs Bill, promoted to put anabolic steroids on the controlled drugs list, falled in the Commons yesterday, in face of a Government objection and because there was no time to debate it (John Winder writes).

He told The Times later that he understood that although a Home Office minister had promised legislation in October 1988, officials were opposed to it, because anabolic steroids were untaddictive. He proposes that Menzies Campbell, LiberalDemocrat MP for North-East should be made an offence Fife, deferred a second reading SNOW REPORTS

not addictive. He proposes that because of risks to health.

SCOTLAND

#### FOR THE RECORD

Tottenham v C Palace

Gascolgne is back for Tottenham while Wright, after a rapid recovery from a broken leg, could return for Palace.

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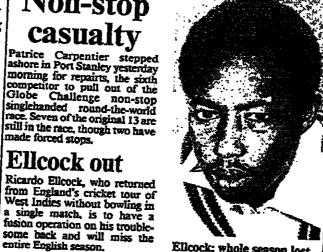
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**SQUASH RACKETS** MADRID: Spenish open championship: Mari's slagies: Second round: T Nancarrow (Aus) to D Harris (Eng), 1:5-0, 15-17, 15-8, 15-12, 15-14, 15-12, 15-9, 15-12, 15-14, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12, 15-9, Usar Hayat Khan (Pat) bt A Adarraga (Spi), 10-15, 7-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10, 15

**TENNIS** ROTTERDAM: Indoor tournament: Second round: M Tauson (Den) by P Haarhule (Nem), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Quaterboon (Swe) by S Zeojanovic (Yug), 6-3, 6-3; J Swenson (Swe) by K Newcook (Cr.), 7-6, 7-5; T Hopsted; (Swe) by A Rabuman (Fin), 6-2, 7-6; J Hameek (Swelz) by N Person (Very), 6-2, 6-3; M Messek (Swelz) by N Person (Very), 6-2, 6-3; W Maleseve (Eur) house (Aspen), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; K Maleseve (Eur) by G Formanday (Proc.), 6-3, 6-2; K Maleseve (Eur) by G Formanday (Proc.), 6-3, 6-2; K Maleseve (Eur) by G Formanday (Proc.), 6-3, 6-3, 7-7-6; M Mervettelove (US) by C Mariener (Sp.), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; I Demongace (Pr) by M Mandiskove (Aus), 7-5, 6-4, 6-3; R Fartener (Sp.) by C Mariener (Sp.), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; L Servettelow (US) by C Mariener (Sp.), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; A Kreschel (US) by P Sterpera (US), 6-4, 6-2; A Kreschel (US) by P Sterpera (US), 6-4, 6-2; A Kreschel (US) by P Sterpera (US), 6-4, 6-2; A Kreschel (US) by P Sterpera (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 1-1 J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; J Counter (US) or J Grazio (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7

Speed hopes lan Gooch and Wilf O'Reilly 8. MEMPHIE, Townsesse: Indeer sournement: Taird reund: M Stich (WS) bt A Chesookov (USST), 6-3, 6-1; P Kords (C2) bt K Curren (US, 7-4, 6-4; W Messer (Au) bt J Flourish (F.), 6-7, 6-1, 7-6; D Visser (SA) bt M Filipen (Liro), 5-4, 7-4, 6-4; M Westergton (US) bt R Reneberg (US), 4-8, 7-4, 6-3; G Muster (SA) bt D Cartil (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; V Palobesto (Fin) bt P Chamberlin (US), 7-5, 6-1. carry British hopes in the world speed skating championships in Amsterdam on March 16-18. Amsterdam on marcu 10-10. Matthew Jasper and Ian Ellis join them in the team championships at Ghent a week



Natural causes Tony Penny, the Manchester Giants basketball player, died from natural causes during Tuesday's Carlsberg League match against Kingston, a post mortem showed. over 2,000 miles from London to Cortina, Italy, starting June Shield set-to

West Park Bramhope rugby union club, who last won the Whitbread Yorkshire Shield 20 years ago, meet Yambury in the competition's 50th final at

High Commissioner to Britain, Donald S MacDonald, will drop the puck at Oxford Ice Rink to face off the 71st University ice hockey match between Oxford and Cambridge.

Tyre change Milan (AP) - Tyrrell, the British Formula One team, will use



Moss at wheel Stirling Moss, aged 60, in a Sebring Sprite, will be the top entry among 130 drivers in the third Pirelli Classic Marathon

Blues' ice

At 5pm today the Canadian

Pirelli tyres for two years beginning with the Phoenix GP on March 11. Tyrrell had been equipped with Goodyear for 22



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best snow this season
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Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

New brooms

Bucharest — Romania's Olympic Committee has appointed as president, Lia Manoliu, Olympic women's discus champion in 1968, and as vice-president, Ivan Patzaichin, who won 29 Olympic and world champ-ionship canoeing medals.

Britain may be without the pean indoor championships at itive athletes here, even be the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, this you look at Linford," Dick weekend, optimistic of a said.

record level of success. "We have got 10 shots at envy this sport. So soon after medals," Frank Dick, the the Commonwealth Games, national director of coaching. said yesterday. Last year nine medals were won, Britain's before the surge into summer,

Dick, who guided Britain to victory in the outdoor Euro- lines the depth. Tennis take pean Cup and to third in the note: One of the arguments I World Cup in 1989, emphasized that these were "shots"

He would not say in which events he thought the cartridges were loaded between the car tridges were loaded but we can guess that "the four very good chances of gold" come from tres hurdles and high jump women's 400 metres, in which and the women's 400 metres. either Sally Gunnell or Linda

At the time of talking, Dick Keough could win gold, comes vas uncertain whether next; Tony Morrell, fifth in likes of Peter Elliott, Marcus was uncertain whether Adam, Yvonne Murray and Linford Christie had changed Liz McColgan, and three of his mind and decided to their four winners from last contest the 60 metres. We are year, but they enter the Euro-

How British tennis must with most medal-winners from Auckland easing off best so far at the and others dipping into cross championships. country, such talk of medals at these championships underhave as to why British kids are so successful is that they don't

The men's 800 metres, in which Tom McKean, Brian Whittle and David Sharpe all have medal chances, reprethe men's 800 metres, 1,500 sents Britain's most formetres, 3,000 metres, 60 me-midable challenge; the

#### FORM GUIDE TO SELECTED EVENTS

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60 metres hurdles

Heads together on McKean's flops gone. About the seventh or eighth hurdle I started to pick up but it was too late."

Tom McKean goes for a Euro-Glasgow this weekend and then sits down with Frank Dick to sits down with Frank Dick to Tommy Boyle, under the British thrash out the reason for his Board's "management achievethree floor at big champion-

The Scot aged 26, failed at the 1987 world championships in Rome, the 1988 Seoul Olympics and this year's Commonwealth Games in Auckland. His form contrasted mysteriously with impressive victories in the

Now. Dick will get together with McKean and his coach,

Dick, the board's director of coaching, said: "I hope to fix up a date with them this weekend. We must solve the problem and make sure it doesn't happen again. There has to be an explanation. Tommy and I have

I'm sure we can work something

Boyle said: "It's not a fear of failure, but an uncontrollable the same symptoms at 800 metres. He set world records at the distance in 1979 and 1981, but didn't win a major 800 title

"It's back to square one for this meeting. There's a lot of pressure on Tom and he's tried to keep a low profile this week.

the Commonwealth Games, has the chance to step out of Elliott's shadow in the 1,500 metres; Tony Jarrett, in the 60 metres hurdles, is trying to dodge Jackson's.

Dalton Grant's 2.34 metres in Bremen suggests that he is among the half dozen men who can challenge for the high jump; Steve Crabb has a chance in the 3,000 metres; a gas service engineer, he will be anxious to show he is back to high speed after running 3:33s for 1,500 in 1987 and 1988 but only 3:36 in 1989.

Jackson, like Steve Heard (800 metres), and Ade Mafe (200 metres), has put summer preparation before defending is title won in The Hague last year. Britain's record nine medals then comprised four gold, four silver and a bronze. Gunnell is the only British defending champion.
Though unlikely to win,

Stewart Faulkner, in the long jump, and Diane Edwards, in the 1,500 metres, could take medals. Edwards, the Commonwealth 800 metres champion, requested the longer distance. Her coach, Norman Poole, said: "Diane is an endurance based athlete. She has never been beaten at 1,500 metres and, although she has not had that many class races, in the past two years she has beaten Bev Nicholson and Christina Boxer.

Edwards's switch from her preferred distance is not necessarily the easier option: Doina Melinte, who broke the women's world indoor mile record last month, is more likely to run the 1,500 than the 800 metres.

The 800 metres will see the second appearance in just over a week at the Kelvin Hall of Sigrun Wodars and Christine Wachtel, the outstanding East Germans who won for their country in the international against Britain eight

record. He is going to be one of the great British stars of the 1990s." And this, remember, in an event that has made Jackson into a household name. Isaacs has to be listened to. He

Mum's the word if Jarrett fails

"My sister answered the phone. She said: 'Don't talk to Mam because she's sitting here upset'. She thought I should have got a silver or a bronze; she wanted

Eighteen months later, Jarrett has almost come round to his Mum's way of thinking. "I should have been fourth. I had Colin Jackson next to me and saw him fly out in front. I wasn't concentrating on my race but on the fact that he had ne. About the seventh or eighth hurdle

By David Powell

Sixth in the Seoul Olympic 110 metres hurdles final, and only 19 years old, Tony Jarrett could not wait to phone home. "I

thought that was brilliant - I had got to

the final and hadn't come last." Back

home in Tottenham, the reaction was

the hanners out."

Mum may not have been impressed but John Isaacs was. It was Isaacs who persuaded Jarrett to put the hurdles before basketball by chauffeuring him between home and training; it was Isaacs who, in the athlete's early days of struggling to master technique, told him he would beat a local rival when Jarrett thought it impossible; and it was Isaacs who said that he would reach the Olympic final and not finish last when 'other people said I wouldn't'.

coached John Regis to the world indoor 200 metres title and Marcus Adam to uwealth 200 metres gold. "The Isaacs story is breathtaking,' Frank Dick, the national director of coaching, said yesterday. Even the East Germans have been impressed: they are sending, among others, Silke Moller, the world 100 and 200 metres champion, to him for training this month.

Jarrett has learned to believe in Isaacs. "I put my trust in him all the time. Everything he has told me I can do, I have done." Now Isaacs says that Jarrett can win the European indoor 60 metres hardles title at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, this weekend. He improved last week to 7.64sec "stumbling out of the blocks". The fastest man of the season, the East German, Florian Schwarthoff, is only 00.12 faster. Jackson, last year's champion, is taking a break.

The European junior champion in 1987 — beating Schwarthoff — and Commonwealth Games silver medal winner this year, Jarrett is making his indoor international championship deof the 110. This is a great opportunity to get myself recognized. I've got to improve my 60 metres. Colin is away from the ginning and I don't start picking up

until halfway through.
"Our flat speed is the same but, because I'm 6ft 2in, technique is hard for me. I've got to work on my trail leg because I don't use it a lot; if you look at Colin, he brings it right round in front of him. It's my trail leg that hits the hurdles most of the time and I've got to work on that. Colin has perfected it, but I've got a lot to learn. But everybody is beatable look at Tyson."

At least Tyson has probably forgotten what it is like to take the bus to training. Three days before his big race Jarrett was late for his session. "The bus got stuck in the traffic," he told Isaacs as he arrived. The life of a champion international athlete is not all it may seem After the bus ride, he had to put out his own hardles.

Jarrett eases the pressure by making no promises for this weekend. For the same reason, he hopes Mum will not be there. "She thinks I should win every thing, which puts a lot of pressure on me and starts me panicking. I don't mind if she comes as long as I don't know she's coming." If Jarrett finishes outside the medals, there will be no rush for the SNOOKER

#### Higgins is showing all his old swagger

By Steve Actesor

Given the tortured facial contor tions when he is at the table, the mumbling to himself when his opponent is, the obsession with opponent is, the obsession with having the cue ball cleaned, and a cue action that is jerkier than ever, it is rather difficult to believe that Alex Higgins is feeling good about his game

again. But he is. So good, in fact, that this 40-year-old son of Belfast, who was yesterday embroiled in a Pearl Assurance British Open semi-final in Derby with the game's man-of-the-moment. Sieve James, sees the winning o as a realistic proposition.

How realistic? "I'd like to

send a few quills flying in different directions," Higgins said, adding something about Samuel Pepys and leaving all and sundry wondering whether he was planning a publicity campaign around the world championship or a mass murder of the press corps, a body with which he rarely sees eye to eye. Having won the world title in 1972 and 1982 Higgins dreams of winning it again in 1992. He won the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters last season but the 1983 United Kingdom champ-But even so, the old swagger is back, the longer pots are beginning to drop once more; in short Higgins believes that, in snooker, life can begin at 40.

snooker, life can begin at 40.
"I want to win the world championship in three decades," he said. "The dream is 1992 but any year in the 1990s will do. After all, John Pulman once said that snooker players mprove after the age of 40.

"At that age you may not want to dedicate so much time to the practice table and prefer a round of golf instead but I don't think your nerve goes at 40, even if the will to practice does." Higgins, a 100-1 outsider

when this tournament began last week, reached the main interval of the best-of-17 frames match leading 5-3 against the winner of the Mercantile Credit Classic in January. James had three fine breaks, of 91, 72 and 51, but Higgins won all of the close It was the break of 91 which

saw James sweep through the third frame and be added the 72 in the fourth, where Higgins delayed the inevitable by playing on while needing a bucketful of snookers.

Ambitions on the other table were no less lofty. Neither the Canadian, Bob Chaperon, nor Robert Marshall, of England, the world No. 70, had previously reached the dizzy heights of a ranking semi-final. But neither showed signs of vertigo as they shared the first session 4-4.

SEMI-FINAL POSITIONS: A Higgins (N Ine) leads S. James (Eng), 5-3; R Cheperon (Can) and R Marshall (Eng), level at 4-4. GUARTER-FINAL RESULTS: Higgins bt M Clark (Eng), 5-3; Chaperon bt N Foulds (Eng), 5-3.

Clark captured

Brett Clark, the Australian half back, has signed a 12-month extension on his contract with Oldham, the rugby league Chall-

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#### **YACHTING**

#### Maiden's crew man the pumps

By Barry Pickthall

With the arrival overnight of With the arrival overnight of Bob Salmon's Liverpool Enter-prise, the Dutch yacht Equity & Law and the leading British cruiser, Creightons Naturally, attention has focussed on the plight of Tracy Edwards all-women crew in Maiden, in the Whitbread Round the World Race

Race.
Less than 600 miles from the finish of the fourth leg at Punta del Este, the Maiden's crew are fighting against the odds to maintain their 16-bour overall lead over the rest of the small boats after suffering a severe knock-down in the Southern

Cocan two weeks ago, causing flooding and leaks.

"Their generator was knocked out by the flooding. The boat's batteries are also giving trouble and they have suffered a succession of breekens. In first short. sion of breakages. In fact, they are have a really hard time out there," Howard Gibbons, Maid-

there," Howard Gibbons, Maid-en's shore manager said after contacting the boat by radio. Four days ago, Edwards and her crew were forced to heave-to in the lee of West Falklands for almost a day to bail out their boat after it developed a serious leak and the Royal Navy stood by to offer assistance. by to offer assistance.
With their generator out of order, the crew have been forced

to use the main engine to generate electricity, and as a result, are now very short of

result, are now very short of fuel.

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#### Prized possession: the Endeavour Trophy in the hands of Tony Allen, of the Corinthian club

#### Historic trophy on display By Malcoim McKeaz

raced for annually in dinghy

A priceless 36-inch high solid silver model of the J Class America's Cup contender, Endeavour, formerly owned by Tommy Sopwith and now sailing again thanks to Elizabeth Myer, an American millionairess, goes on display at Crystal Palace sports centre

The Endeavour Trophy, rarely allowed outside the clubiouse of its owners, the

sailing's Champion of Champions event and is one the sport's major prizes.

This weekend, Crystal Pal-ace is given over entirely to a celebration of the sport of dinghy sailing with the annual dinghy exhibition, the only show in the country devoted exclusively to the sport.

clubbouse of its owners, the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, at Burnham-on-Crouch, is the Corinthian club by Beecher Moore, an American who at Burnham-on-Crouch, is

a major figure in establishing the dinghy boom in Britain in the Fifties. Moore sailed aboard the real Endeavour as the US observer in the cup matches of 1934, when the yacht was crewed by amateurs from the Royal Corinthias; Sopwith having refused to pay his professional crew for the extra time involved in taking Endeavour to America.

The trophy was presented to

and 20 dinghy racing clubs will have stands at the

#### New America's Cup yacht ready · From Keith Wheatley, Sète, France

tonnes she is in the middle of the class design limits.

the art boat. We had no construction problems worth mentioning," said Eric Ogden, the project director. The hull is a composite construction, built by the Multiplast yard in Brittany, built

A small piece of sailing history will be made here today, when the world's first example of the new America's Cup class yachts is launched at noon.

Designed by Philippe Briand the boat is similar in size to an inshore maxi. With a length of 76ft and a displacement of 21 townes the is in the middle of the as much as 15 knots downwind.

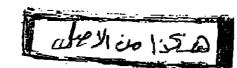
ass design limits.

With a 104ft carbon-fibre mast, the sheer area of the mainsail is surpising. It is a construction problems worth tentioning, "said Eric Ogden, innovation borrowed from multi-hull racing, and the project director. The hull is a composite construction built by ably the largest such sail ever

The team put the cost of the finished boat at £1.3 million. They have had technical assistance from Dassault, the French space agency and the defence ministry. However, commercial sponsorship has yet to be announced.

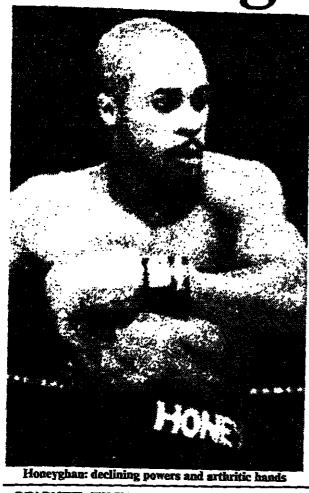
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With the Italian group led by industrialist Raul Gardini due to launch its first America's Cup to attinich its first America's Cup boat next week and the Japanese to show their yacht in April, the pace is hotting up. Before the end of March, the US court is expected to give its final verdict on whether the venue should be Auckland or San Diego.



#### BOXING: HONEYGHAN FACES THE FATE OF EITHER BEING BUSTED UP TRYING TO BOX OR DUSTED UP TRYING TO FIGHT IN TONIGHT'S WORLD TITLE CHALLENGE

# Starling the key to a chirpy Honeyghan



By Srikamer Sen Boxing Correspondent When a strike-bound Calcutta Transways Company was besieged by an irate public, the company asked the city's should do. The commissioner replied: "Your choice is simple. You must decide where you want the trams burnt. In

the streets or in the depot?" While this is not to suggest that CTC conditions obtain on the Northern Line of the Loudon Underground, it has certain similarities with the choice before Lloyd Honeyghan when he challenges Mark Breland, the World Boxing Association welterweight champion, at

Wembley Arena tonight. Because of Honeyghan's declining powers and arthritic hands, he can be "busted up" trying to box or dusted up trying to fight. But unlike the police commissioner, old pros, whether in tracksuits or expensive aftershave, will tell Honeyghan: "Styles make fights. If you haven't got the style to beat an opponent, go out and get one."

If Honeyghan wants to have any chance of being the first Briton to win a world title

Tale of the tape

one is a style he is familiar with but belongs to his most hated rival, Marlon Starling. The Connecticut boxer gave Honeyghan the pasting of his life in Las Vegas last year and knocked out Breland in their

first meeting. It is almost certain that an old pro like Duff, who changed Michael Watson's stand-upand-box style to cover-up-a look-scarce stance to such devastating effect against Nigel Benn, will have advised Honeyghan to try Starling's

Watch, for

the wind

is sure to

get up

By John Woodcock

way that winning in

been difficult, and as a

cricketing achievement it has

come to rate higher than any.

had ever become accustomed to losing to West Indies, victory in Trinidad was gained

only with some fine cricket,

and, even then, in the face of

inadmissible opposition. The pitch at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain was

better then than it tends to be

now, and England's first in-

nings of 382 seemed no more

likeliest result (until 1968,

Test matches in the West

Indies were usually of six days

of five hours each rather than

five days of six hours each)

when West Indies went in late

on the second day. But

Statham and Trueman bowled

as well together as I ever saw

them. And West Indies were

I must not tempt providence

soon on the run.

A draw was already the

than just about adequate.

Thirty years ago, before we

"Breland's a terrific boxer but he just doesn't know what to do about Starling's style."

It is plain that any other tactic will be disastrous for the Jamaican-born Englishman. "Let me tell you," Duff said. "Pound for pound, Breland can hit as hard with the right hand as Mike Tyson or John Mugabi. He can also de

surprising things, like hook you and step back and bring up an appercut." Duff did not minimize Honeyghan's problems defeats:

against the champion that
experts thought would be
three times, he will have to
employ a new style. The best

against the champion that
experts thought would be
another Sugar Ray, Robinson
or Leonard: "For Honeyghan to win, he has to there after six

rounds and not busted up," Duff said. "Then he will break Breland down. But he has got to be there in one piece." Duff held his firsts by his head protectively, Starting fashion. Breland's trainer, Joey Fariello, insists that Honeyghan will not have the patience to wait like Starling to apply the pressure after Breland has used up all his

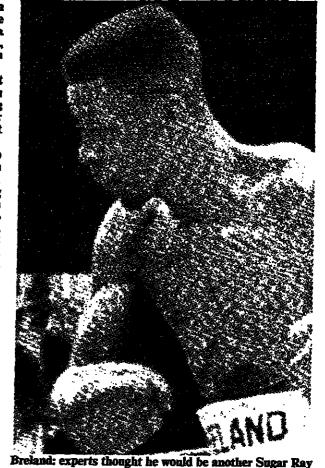
"Honevehan is a predictable fighter," Fariello said. "He" come in winging. knockout. If he tries to box, Mark will cat him up with

"Honeyghan won't fight like Starling. You can't turn an apple into an orange. Starling has been doing that stuff for years, you can't be taught

Fariello made it seem so simple. But the 6ft 21/2 in Breland, who won 110 of 111 amateur contests, including the national Golden Gloves title five times, a World Cop and an Olympic gold medal, and defeated 26 of his 28 professional opponents, has one weakness. He tires undersustained pressure.

"Once I get past his hands," Honeyghan says, "it will be over. When it get tough, it will show. He lacks physical strength to absorb

One would have confidence in Honeyghan's boast if his hands were in good condition and if mentally he was less volatile. But his arthritis not only forces him to punch incorrectly with swings and eself open to blows



**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

#### Headingley tussle seen by devotees as the title decider

The atmosphere and enthu- well as likely to provide players siasm surrounding tomorrow's for the international matches league encounter between Leeds and Wigan will rival the mood and the scenes at many trophy finals at Headingley in recent

An attendance approaching 25,000 is expected for the championship game between the top two clubs and Leeds officials yesterday appealed to supporters on both sides of the mines to come to the ground early to avoid massive conges-tion in the surrounding streets.

The match has caught the imagination as a likely championship decider, but John Monie, the Wigan coach, is anxious to put the damper on such as a state of the st

such nerve-stretching euphoria. "There are still eight or nine games to play, many of them tough fixtures for both of us, and the title will not be decided on this and this one game." he said. Yet see the end tomorrow of the despite Monie's reservations, fading hopes of the reigning the gut feeling throughout the code is that tomorrow's winners will be in the driving seat to take over from Widnes, champions for the past two seasons.

David Ward, who took over as Leeds coach on the resignation of Malcolm Reilly this season, is more ebullient than Monie. "We must have the strongest squad ever at Headingley and we have had remarkable freedom from injuties. My problem tomorrow is not who to choose, but who to leave out," he said.

Monie stands by the same Wigan squad that did duty in last Saturday's Silk Cut Cha enge Cup victory at Wakefield. With Leeds no longer having an interest in the cup, and Wigan still heavily involved as

against France, Leeds can take advantage of Wigan's pressures by winning tomorrow. If Wigan win and make use of the postponement facility during international matches, the odds

not quite given up hope of figuring in the later stages of the battle, but they will have to rely on unexpected slips by Leeds and Wigan. St Helens visit Castleford tomorrow and will not have it easy against a team unexpectedly struggling against relegation — which is just begin-

ning to discover normal form.
Widnes are at Wakefield and, after Trinity's dismissal from the cup last week, the home side will be desperate to get a high placing in the premiership, a determination which could well

There are two vital relegation tussles at the wrong end of the first division table. Sheffield Eagles, who are fourth from bottom, are one point behind Leigh, whom they entertain, if such is the word for a team without a ground, at Doncaster. Eagles are quite capable of winning this one and retaining hopes of clinging to first division status until such time as their proposed new ground in Sheffield is ready.

Featherstone Rovers, third from bottom and a point behind Sheffield, have a tough task at Warrington, but Rovers bave been playing excellent and confident rugby recently and are quite capable of winning at Wilderspeed.

#### Nothing less than first will satisfy Furuseth

Veysonnaz, Switzerland (Reu-ter) — Ole-Christian Furuseth, His previous attempt to reof Norway, is determined to retain his World Cup giant

Guenther Mader, of Austria, is just two points behind, on 86, and is also challenging Furnseth for second place in the overall World Cup positions, 19 points

Both skiers have won one

Furuseth clinched the World Cup giam slalom title last season from Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, with victory in

the final race and hopes history will repeat itself. Zurbriggen, the overall World Cup leader who is well on course for a fourth overall title in his final season, is long overdue for a giant slalom win, having last

won a giant 15 months ago in Les Menuires, France. Meanwhile, Alberto Tomba, of Italy, the Olympic sialom and giant stalom champion, plans to

scouting and we also play the

same team eight times a season

You get to know the opposing

players and how to comba

them. Here, we are working in

Working in the dark or not

Keith Gretzky is quickly settling down with his new team. When

the dark most of the time."

knows nothing less than victory in today's final race will guarantee him the prize.

Conarrone in December enned to stalom Alpine skiing title but in failure when he pulled out of the second leg of a slalom in in today's final race will guarantee him the prize.

SYDNEY: The Thredbo ski resort in Australia has pulled out of staging two more men's World Cup races, in August, because it feared making a second loss (Reuter reports).

The resort's staging of the slalom and giant slalom last giant statom this season, and year, the first time World Cup the Austrian has also won a races had been held in Australia, super-giant statom.

were hailed as a great success by were hailed as a great success by both skiers and organizers, although it lost A\$1.5 million (£681,000).

His previous attempt to re-

collarbone in December ended



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OF GREAT BRITAIN

CRICKET: ZIMBABWE HOPE TO FURTHER THEIR CLAIMS FOR TEST STATUS AT THE EXPENSE OF ENGLAND TOURING TEAM England A players

may adapt better to a five-day game

though, is brighter and the

black cricketers are starting to

come through. There could be

For most of the Zimbabwe independence 10 years ago. and England A players, the international game starting here today will be their first experience of a five-day match. The extra demands made on concentration and skill have been stressed by a couple in the under-18 their coaches and the outcome of the three-match series, sponsored by Lonrho, will depend upon which team makes the more disciplined

response. England A must be favourites but the Zimbabweans should not be underestimated as they continue their efforts to gain Test day Zimbabwe had little op-

In the England party Pringle more seasoned players. Only and five others have six Test is 27 on Monday, and Andrew caps between them. Traicos, Flower, the wicketkeeper, who the former South African off is 21, are under 30. spinner, is the only To help against England, Zimbabwean with five-day Pycroft, Zimbabwe's most experience. Successful batsman, has been

"I have drummed into our persuaded to return to the boys that totals of 250 are no game after retiring two years good and that 'Tests' are won ago. Pycroft, who is 33, has by batsmen sticking there and scored nearly 4,000 first-class bringing scores of at least 400 runs and averages 44.43, to 450," Keith Fletcher, the according to local England coach, said.

David Houghton, the Zimbabwe captain, admits he has for England A yesterday when had nightmares about fielding while England lost a solitary wicket all day and he cited Athenon's five-hour 97 on a low, slow pitch this week against Zimbabwe B as a reason for his fears.

"These young England players, I have to admit, have already shown us the difference between their professionalism and our own approach. On a flat pitch our guys might swing the bat and make 40 before getting out. Your chaps knuckle down and make a hundred, irrespective of how long it takes. It is linked with cricket being the English players' livelihood,"

Houghton, as player and full-time coach, is Zimbabwe's only professional cricketer and has no illusions about the difficulties which face his team. Zimbabwean confidence was at a low cbb, he said, following heavy de-feats by Young West Indies four months ago. A big total early in the series against England was essential if his players were to rediscover

laith in themselves. There is no doubt that Zimbabwean cricket standards have fallen away following the loss of a whole generation of players, arising from the white exodus and

Even when England have fielded sides ringing with fam-ous names, winning Test matches in the Caribbean has been a cause for much rejoic-Lawrence, their quickest ing. It is not time-honoured in "We are short of players bowler, was ruled out by the aged between 20 and 30," Houghton said. "The future, strained calf muscle which Australia is; but it has always

prevented him bowling on

Thursday against Zimbabwe

B. Lawrence will be missed on

a hard, grassless pitch, which promised plenty of bounce as

it lay shimmering in the hot schools side and five or six in the under-16 team when they sunshine vesterday. visit England this summer. Lawrence's problem is in "In 15 years' time it would the right leg, where he had Achilles tendon trouble last not surprise us if Zimbabwe summer and he could be did not have 10 blacks and risked. Whitaker, a shade unluckily, and Martin only one white in the full international side." Bicknell, are the other mem-For the match atarting to-

bers of the party omitted from the 12 players named. tion but to stick with their The final choice will rest between the left-handed matches Brandes, the fast bowler, who Thorpe, as an extra batsman. or Illingworth, as a second left-arm spinner. Atherton's leg breaks are considered an integral part of the attack. He will bat at No. 3 and Darren Bicknell and Stephenson will

> ZIMBABWE (probable): D. L. Houghton (capt), K.J. Amott, A. H. Shain, A. Flower, A. J. Pycrott, C.H. Robertson, G.A. Paterson, E.A. Brandes, A. J. Traicos, N. P. Janvis, K. G. Duers Cuers.
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open the innings.

Lancashire reject four-day format for championship

to local

There was disappointment

statisticians.

The voting was 1,647 in favour of three-day games (46 per cent); 1,119 for the current mix of three and four-day matches (31 per cent); and 825 for four-day cricket (23 per

The Lancashire secretary, Chris Hassell, said: "Our com-mittee were already in favour of a return to fully three-day cricket and these figures back

SYDNEY: Andrew Hilditch spent six hours compiling an unbesten century to help South Australia reach 291 for five on the first day of their four-day Sheffield Shield match against Tusmania in Adelaide yesterday (Reuter reports). Opener Hilditch, 103 not out at the close, held the innings together against a depleted Tasmanian attack. Queensland and New South

Lancashire members have re-corded their opposition to four-day county championship crick-Shield table, were unable to gain et. More than 3,500 took part in a significant advantage on the a referendum which showed a opening day of their matches, big majority in favour of three-day matches.

opening day of their matches, against Victoria and Western Australia respectively.

In Perth, Western Australia scored 249 for seven, with Geoff Lawson taking four for 55 and Greg Matthews three for 45. In Melbourne, the leaders, Queensland, fought back strongly in the last session against Victoria picking up five wickets for 50 runs to reduce them to

Craig McDermott took four for 95 and the opener, Warren Ayres, scored 93 for Victoria before being run out.

 Many past and present cricket players are expected to attend the funeral of the former Northamptonshire and England bats-man, Colin Milburn, at Burnopfield Methodist Church, near Consett, on Monday. (1 lam). Milburn, aged 48, col-lapsed and died earlier this

by saying that those were the days when riots were a feature of Test cricket in the West Indies, as though to suggest that they are things of the past. Graham Gooch's side will have to get in to a winning position again before that is put to the test. At Port of Spain on January 30, 1960, West Indies had stumbled to 98 for eight when the first bottle appeared. It was around two o'clock on a Saturday afternoon and very hot; there were 30,000 people

present, at that time the largest crowd ever to have assembled for a sporting contest in the Caribbean; the ground was littered with empty bottles of run and Coke to serve as missiles, and for those with arms as good as many West Indians possess, the

pitch was well within range. day, not even the personal appearance of the great and himself a Trinidadian, being able to quell the ferment. They thought bad sportsmanship was at the root of it so much as English camp today.

made captain instead of Gerry Alexander. It was a sensitive issue, all to do with colour, and it was being persistently and eloquently argued in one of the island's papers by the inimitable C. L. R. James.



Anyway, Sunday was spent cooling off and after the weekend England duly won the match. To this day, Brian Statham puzzles over how he and his famous partner moved the ball about as they did in West Indies' first innings on a pitch as bare as a habv's bottom. That same year Worrell had the captaincy and cricket became more than ever the greatest unifying influence in the Caribbean.

I was there twice more when England won in Trinidad — in 1967-68, after Gary Sobers had made what was variously described as a sporting, a disdainful and an unrealistic There was no more play that declaration, and in 1973-74 when, bowling off breaks, which he seldom had before lovely Learie Constantine, and rarely did again, Tony himself a Trinidadian, being Greig took 13 wickets in the match. Knowing how we all even threw bottles at him: he felt then, I can imagine, encaught them, too. I never viously, the euphoria, tempered by prodence, in the

them, the West Indian bowlers looked comparatively un-menacing at Sydney and Ad-elaide, Australia finishing the series with totals of 401 and

will find his self-restraint, indeed his very renown, under pressure. Immunity from defeat is a dangerous anodyne, and several of the West Indian side, the captain included, are of an age to start feeling the years. By nature, too, they are no less volatile than they ever

the players they have." Well, on the batsmen's patience with an accuracy which has so often been, on other tours, the basis of success. The team is playing as a team, and "the first blow is half the battle".

In golfing terms, they have

As he did then, Richards

were. What a series it has become. In Sydney last month Imran Khan said he felt England would do well in West Indies. Then, thinking it over, he added a rider: "Except," he said, "I wouldn't have chosen so far the bowlers have played

started with an eagle at a parfive opening hole, and the rough is normally quite light at Georgetown, where they tee off next. After that, watch out, for the wind is sure to get up.

#### To many who saw West There was a campaign at the Indies play their last two Test time for Frank Worrell to be matches in Australia early last year, the Kingston result will

have come as less of a surprise than to those conditioned to seeing England lose, whatever the opposition. Without the awkward bonnce of the Perth and Melbourne pitches to help

#### ICE HOCKEY: THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF 'THE GREAT GRETZKY' IS MAKING HIS MARK WITH AYR

the attitude of the officials. In a

## Sibling who has the hardest of acts to follow

By Norman de Mesquita In the current edition of The National Hockey League Of-ficial Guide and Record Book the sport's equivalent of Wisden - the name Wayne Gretzky appears 200 times by the time you have reached page 147. It is

a 384-page publication and there are goodness knows how many more mentions before the end. On page 250, the name Keith Gretzky appears for the only ime. He is Wayne's younger brother and has yet to appear in the NHL.

He has played in the junior ranks for Windsor, Belleville and Hamilton. In 1985, he was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres and has since appeared in minor professional hockey for Rochester, Flint and Phoenix, He has also had a spell in Finland.

coach of Ayr Raiders of the Heineken League, was looking for a replacement import at the turn of the year, Keith Gretzky was one of a number of names on his list. He turned out to be the only one who really wanted to come to Britain, so he was On his debut weekend, he scored five soals and three

many an import before him, found the British game some-There are only two forward lines in this country, whereas we have three or four at home. And the shifts are much longer," he

recent game, the two linesmen were joking with each other. That does not happen at home. He is quite impressed with some of his colleagues: Tommy Starle and Alastair Reid are two good defencemen assists in two games, but, like

> Cam Neely is a hard-skating right-wing for Boston Bruins in the NHL who sometimes lets the physical aspect of his game take over."I do have to calm down Grant once in a while,"

Gretzky said. Being the brother of someone who has been known as "The Great One" for more than 10

things and go places that would not be possible but for who my brother is," he said. "But people do expect a lot of me. Perhaps the greatest tribute his coach can pay him is to say that he does not act like Wayne Gretzky's brother. "He has quickly settled in with his team-

disadvantages. "I get to do

think he can become as exciting a player as Rick Fera or Steve Moria [the League's top two imports] once he gets used to his line mates."

An overriding problem is the lack of practice time, with ice available to the Raiders only

mates and goofs around a lot in I say him he was instrumental in setting up the goal which tied the scores against Solihull Bar-ons and his hard work led to the the dressing room," Saganiuk

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general upheaval at the time of

**SWIMMING** Tewksbury powers his

way to backstroke best By a Special Correspondent Mark Tewksbury, of Canada, there," Tewksbury, aged 22, became the first swimmer to said He made four trips through break the 54-second mark in the the 25-metre pool in 53,69 seconds, beating the previous record of 54,20sec set by Dirk 100 metres backstroke when competing in the Canadian Richter, of West Germany, in

national championships at Satkatoon, Saskatchewan, on "It fell great, the magic was

seconds is unbelievable," he Tewksbury called his parents immediately after the swim to tell them the news. I could really hear the crowd, which is unusual for backstroke because your ears are under the water,"

"I knew I was fast in the race,

but to be the first to break 54

Second place went to Deke Botsford, also of Canada, in

yourself."

You have to prepare Another difficult adjustment is to the refereeing. There are differences in the rules and the

and Frank Morris is a Canadian forward who has a lot of skill Then there is Grant Slater Jone of the Scots in the team) who is a Cam Neely-type player."

years has its advantages and its

deal about the opposition.

once a week, at midnight, for an hour. Another difficulty for Gretzky is not knowing a great

achieving that aim.

mistake which set up the win-ner. He also combined in some attractive passing plays with Slater and Morris which could easily have led to more goals.

Ayr Raiders have a fight on their hands if they are to qualify for the play-offs, but the acquisition of Keith Gretzky gives them a much better chance of A. .

THE TIMES BY HOLDERS

HOCKEY

By Sydney Friskin

Hounslow

The race for the Poundstretcher National League championship enters its final stage tomorrow with Southgate, the first division title holders, in hot pursuit of Hounslow, the leaders, who have 25 points from nine matches. Southgate are three points behind having played the same number of games. Hounslow are without their

injured goalkeeper, Pappin, for their match at Feltham against Indian Gymkhana who defeated them 3-1 last season. Neither can they call on Hacker who is under suspension. But Hounslow's main strength remains with the presence of the World Cup players, Bolland, Potter and Grimley.

Kulbir Bhanra leads a challenging Gymkhana attack, supported by his brother, Charanjit, Sunny Soor and Rhency. Behind them will be the resourceful Daved at centre half. Barrow, formerly from the England under-2i squad, will be in goal.

The match between Slough and Havant at the Brunel University ground should have a strong following as both are also in the running for the title. Slough are third with 22 points and Havant are Kerly, Batchelor and Soma two points behind with a game in hand.

Havant completed their preparation with a 4-0 victory on Thursday night over division leaders, away at Hampshire, Hill scoring twice Amiens for the European Infrom a short corner and a penalty stroke. Williams and David Roberts added to the score. Williams will be at centre forward with Coleman, Garcia, Colin Cooper and Seabrook making up the for-

Slough have injury problems with Partington and Hoskin probably out of action for the remainder of the season. Davatwal has not yet shaken off the affects of a DOSC and Charlesworth's ankle injury has not quite healed. But Hockey Federation will decide Barber is still there to bolster

Poundstretcher tables

made up of Maskery, Nicklin, Laxon, Bambury and Shafiq looks sharp enough to tax the Havant defence.

Southgate, visiting Wakefield, are expected to pick up three points although they are not taking the match lightly. They are at full strength and their three World Cup players, Singh are available, although Kerly and Batchelor may feel that they need a rest. With St Albans, the second

Amiens for the European Indoor Club championship, Neston and Brean continue their challenge in second and third places respectively. Brean are at home to Guildford and Neston are away at Cambridge City, neither expecting an easy ride. Australia, though not yet stating a venue, have made a late bid to stage the 1994 World Cup tournament thus becoming serious challengers to Ireland who had applied

"It was the first time I had hit with her," Evert says. "I much earlier to hold it in Dublin. The International the matter at their meeting in their defence and their attack, Brussels on March 30.

Three weeks before her fourteenth birthday Capriati will be a millionairess

#### **American** tennis discovers new idol

By Andrew Longmore

Jeuniser Capriati ought to enjoy this weekend while she can. It will be her last as an impoverished carefree ama-teur, the last on which she can hit tennis bells for fun and not worry about money, agents, contracts, service days, journalists, ranking points and all the other paraphernalia that dominate the lives of professional tennis players. By roughly this time next week, at the end of her first tournament sional and just over 25 2 profes three weeks before her four-teenth birthday, Miss Capristi will be a milliomairess. Talk of Capriati has been

reverberating around the cor-ridors of US tennis for over two years. Ever since she won the USTA girls' 18-and-u hard court and clay court titles a few months after her twelfth birthday, the bouncy little girl from Wesley Chapel in Flor-

Capriati senior, the Women's saying this girl's going to be International Pro Tennis great." Council has relaxed the rule, Now that he is working for allowing Capriati to play in IMG, Evert has become the month of, rather than Capriati's business man perate for a new idol.

French and US junior titles respon and, in her first senior tour- te way. Ann Jones, the British interested in Capristi's image team captain then, rates off the court, only in her Capriati as good as, if not performance on it. At least for better than, Steffi Graf at an the moment.

Brian Gottfried, the director market Jennifer. In fact, my

pressed not just by the power of Capriati's ground strokes, but by her will to learn and to work. John Evert, the brother of Chris, remembers taking Capriati for a lesson when she

was in college at the time and felt I was pretty good. But she was unbelievable. She barely



Hard-hitting American dream girl: Capriati, a multi-national asset who will sell rackets in Turin as well as Tuscaloosa

ida has been eyed by agents made any errors, she wasn't and advertisers and carsed by grunting or struggling, she was administrators, whose eligibility rules did not cater for such great time. She gave me a precocity. Under pressure from, working for IMG then, I would among others, Chris Evert and have written them a memo

tne mouth of, rather than Capriati's business manager, after, her fourteenth birthday, which on the one hand makes American tennis is that des- him the envy of every other agent in the world and on the Last year Capriati won the other gives him an awesome bility. The read to mis riches is already strewn nament, effectively sealed the with young refugees like Anfate of the Wightman Cup by drea Jaeger and Tracy Austin, beating Clare Wood, the British national champion, 6-0, 6-0. Not surprisingly, the previews have been all one pitfalls. He is, he says, not

of tennis at the ATP head- main task is to say 'ao.' She's quarters in Florida, is im- only 13 and she hasn't hit a

Indian Wells, California (AP) -

Germany in September, according to published reports. A Kraft General Foods World Tour event will be held in Leipzig, from September 24-30, the newspaper USA Today has reported.

She's not giving anyone a whole lot of her time because she has to stay focused on the tennis. If that goes well, the rest will follow."

Capristi has signed multimillion dollar contracts with Diadora, the Italian sports shoe and leisurewear company, and with Prince, the racket manufacturers. Levis, to take one example, were told 'not yet."

Evert admits, however, that there is a temptation to capitalize on a superstar status which has already prempted features in *Time* and *Elle* magazines and which will bring journalists flocking to a run-of-the-mill women's tour event in Florida next week. Roll up, roll up, see the "new Chris Evert".

"It is very tempting to market her that way and it would be very easy," Evert says. "But she's not the next Chrissie. She has a lot of the same qualities, but she plays more aggressively and has a the next American. What I hope is that, like Chrissie, I will still be negotiating television contracts for her at the

But even as the "next American", Capriati has to project an image, the right image. Smacking two-handed backhands to all corners is only one part of being "mar-ketable". The other part is being bright, accessible, po-life, smiling, the ideal all-American girl. "She has to reach the winner's circle and then do the right things when

she's there," Evert says. Luckily, Capriati does not have to work too hard at that. She really is the advertisers' dream, a delightful combination of the tough and the cent, the adult and the child. She will beat the hide off you and then break into a smile that would melt a tooth-

paste salesman's beart. Her natural vitality would

sell branslakes by the Graf to play in East German event

The event, approved on Thursday by the Women's International Professional Tennis Council (WITA), is likely to feature the world's top woman, Steffi Graf. "I never dreamed I would see these changes in East Germany in my life," she said. "I hope I can help players there have the opportunities people

different personality. She's the gallon and, most important, like a lot of good all-American girls, she is not all-American. Her father, Stefano, a big biuff bear of a man, is Italian, and that, according to Jonathan Plimpton, the player promotions manager for Prince, gives Capriati "multi-national value". In other words, she will sell rackets in Turin as well as Tuscaioosa.

"Like Michael Chang, she fits our image perfectly. Straight, clean-cut, young and hard-working. The danger for us is that she is oversold and that she is so overwhelmed by responsibilities beyond the court, she does not perform to her potential on it. Apart from that, if she is involved in too many other things, she loses her uniqueness for us."

So far, it seems, Miss Capriati remains remarkably unaffected by her multi-nationalism and her marketability. Protected by her father, all she wants to do is hit tennis balls as hard and as often as possible. "She loves tennis," Evert says. "Hopefally, it will be the same when

A year ago, the story goes, Capriati was given a ride in a big limousine for the first time. Asked where she most wanted to go, she replied: "The Mc-Donalds drive-in." It is boped that this will not be her last

Keynsham v Bristol Saracens; Kings-bridge v Saltash; Kingswood v Chippenham; Midsomer Norton v Old

Creptennam; Mossoner Horton V Ud Sullans; Newquay v Perryn; Newton Abbot v Westom-Super-Mere; North Petherton v Westom-Super-Mere; North Petherton v Westomcor, Oldohampton v Bridgwester and Abbon; Old Colstomlans v Framptonin Cotterell; Old Elizabethans v

Franchonn Cotteret; Old Elizabethans v St Mary's Old Boys; Oldfield v Combe Down; Penzanca and Newlyn v tilogan Pic; Roseland v Bodmin St Lawranch; St Agnes v St Austelt; St Ives v Truro; SW Gas v Old Cothamians; St Bernadettes v Aretians; Shertome v Avonmoutir; Stothert and Pitt v Avonais; Tsunton Utd v Winscombe; Torquey v Teigmnouth; Tothes v Craditon; Wells v Morganians; Weston Utd v Frome; Yatton v Clewedon.

she is 25."

#### **Anglers** with a licence to celebrate

By Course Vess Bark

After two years of bitter struggle Irish angiers have defeated the Dublin government's plan to impose a Irili trout and coarse fish licence throughout the Republic.

Legislation passed by the previous Irish soverament to impose the licence was resented and largely ignored, especially in the west and south of Ireland. The boatmen of Corrib, for the boatmen of the property of the propert example, went on strike, refused to pay, and prevented anyone taking a boat out to fish, often with the use of violence or nomidation

New legislation will be brought in by the Minister of the Marine. John Wilson, which will give effect to the compromise solution he reached with angling organizations. There will be no most becare but a trout and coarse angling co-operative will be set up for each region or district to which anglers and other interested parties, such as fishing hotels,

The money will be used to promote angling and the Dublin government will match the coobeistive teccibis borne to. within limits still to be decided.

The national salmon and sea trout licence, at present IrE25, will be abolished. Instead there will be licences for individual areas or regions for which the full salmon licence will be Ir£12 for adults, Ir£8 for juveniles and Irf3 for a day. Legislation to implement all these changes will

be brought in as soon as possible so that fishing can start return-ing to normal this season. Fishing is important to the Irish economy. The past couple of years saw an increasing fall in tourist revenue as the strike bu deep and if it had gone on this season the loss would have been considerable as anglers from British and Europe would have stayed away in large numbers.

Foreign exchange revenue from angling is worth some In£64 million to the Republic, or about one tenth of all tourist Anglers in Mayo, Galway and

many other places have been celebrating their victory over Dublin. One told me: "Now we'll be going on fishing in the way we always have." They do not believe there is any computsion to join a co-operative.

Their attitude is usder standable. Already a few boatmen on Corrib, regarded as strike-breakers because they took visitors out fishing in defiance of local opinion, have been told to take their boats off the lough or face trouble. It will take time for the bitterness to

#### GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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FA CHALLENGE VASE: Stath round: Rushden v Hythe; Yeading v Harefield; Spelding v Guiseley; Billericay v Bridlington Town,

Bridlington Town.

VALIXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Bishop's Stortford; Basingstofie v Grays Bognor v Marlow; Carstraliton v Staines; Begenham v Red-bridge F. Harmow v Dutwich; Hendon v Hayes; Kingstonien v Barking; Leyton-Wingste v Bromley; Windsor and Eton v St Albens; Wotkingham v Slough; First division; Boreham wood v Dortring; Chesham v Croydon; Hampton v Southwick; Herlow v Tooting and Mitcham; Hitchin v Leatherhead; Metropolitan Police v Purfleet; Wahon and Hersham v Kingsbury; Wenthley v Usbridge, Whytelaste v Chalfont S Peter; Woking v Whenhoe; Worthing v Lawes. Second division sortic Collec Row v Letchworth GC; Finchley v Basildon; Hemel Hempsteed v Hornchurch; Herdord v Bartor; Rainhem v Ware; Royston v Berkhamsted; Saffron Welden v Aveley; Tibury v Caphon; Vaundali Motors v Heybridge; Witham v Tring, Second division south: Chersey v Malden Vale; Epsom and Ewell v Bracknet; Feithem v Soutthal); Maldenhead United v Hungerford; Molesey v Horsham; SMIRNOFF (RISH LEAGUE: 3.0):

RUGBY LEAGUE

**ICE HOCKEY** 

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Play-offic Bracional v Romford (5.15): Oxford City v Basingstoke (6.0).

KEN LEAGUE: Presider division

Blackburn v Wolves ..... Bradford v Sheffield U ... Brighton v Oldham ...... Hull v Oxford ...... Newcastle v Barnsley ... Plymouth v Sunderland Stoke v Bournemouth... Swindon v Port Vale 

Second division

Vate; Durnitam v Shappey; Canterbury v Yate; Durstain v Corritain; Calcisined v ( Yate); Program v Witney; Hoursidow v Hashings; Margatav Pareham; Poole v Baldock; Salisbury v Fareham; Poole v Baldock; Salisbury v Fareham; Poole v Baldock; Salisbury v Frita and Belwaders.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE; First Grecham v Whickham; Salisborough v Almylock; Seetham Red Stav v Bälingham Syn; South Bark v Whitch Countries Earn; Gratina v Whickham; Galaborough v Almylock; Seetham Red Stav v Bälingham Syn; South Bark v Whitch Countries Earn; Gratina v Whitcham; Galaborough v Almylock; Seetham Red Stav v Bälingham Syn; South Bark v Whitch, Law v Shaldor.

NONTMERN COUNTRIS EAST LEAGUE; Presider division; Belger v Shaffald; Brigg v Ossett, Ablon; Densby v Pontefract Collieries; Grimethorpe Mw v Halarn; Harrogate RW v Thackley; North Ferriby v North Shelds; Bridlington Trinity v Salton.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE; Premier division: Bideford v Radstock; Briston MFarm v Saltash; Cervedon v Pauliton; Great Weston-Super-Mare v Tornington.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Afternon LR v Knowsley; Bootle v Stetimeradale; Gifterno v Leyland Motons; Fiction v Darwer; Prescot Capies v Chadderton; St. Helens v Nantwich; Vaunchal GM v Barnermen; Sports Jets. OTHER MATCH: Scotland Under 18s v GM Vacchall FA National School Under 18s (at Airdrie, 12:30).

Third division Birmingham v Mansfi Blackpool v Walsali... Bristol R v Wigan .....

ter v Bristol City. Huddersfield v Crewe L Orient v Swansee ... Northemoton v Tranmere

Fourth division 

Scarborough v Burnley. Southend v Cartisle......

ICE HOCKEY ENGLISH LEAGUE: Play-offs: Chaims-tord v Bracknell (6.30). FEMENSE LEAGUE: Premier divinion: Ayr v Durhem (7.0); Fife v Hottinghen (7.15); Peterborough v Softwal (6.30), First divisions: Stough v Cleveland (5.45); Swin-don v Medway (5.0); Telford v Streethem (7.0)

B and Q Scottish League Cettic v Dundee Utd Dundee v Rangers. Dunfermane v Aberg learis v Motherwei

First division

CARL SBERG LEAGUE: Leicester v Kingston (8.0); Derby v Solent (8.0). Postponed: Bracinel v Manchester. MATIONAL TROPHY: Elen: Sent-fants: Bury v Brixton (8.0); Worthing v Oldham

NATIONAL TROPHY: Make: Seat-static Bury v Brixton (8.0); Worthing v Olchem (8.0); MATIONAL LEAGUE: (Mem): First division: Birmingham v Cheshire (8.0). Second division: Birmingham v North London (5.30); Kirless v Manchester (8.0). First division: (Wortheast Kingston v Society (6.0); London YMCA v Licester (8.0); Montheaston v Nottingham (7.30); Gateshaad v Cardiff (7.0), Wittingham (7.30); Gateshaad v Cardiff (7.0), Junior final: Race Cardiff (8.0); Final (8.0) Final: Race Bectronics Aberdare v Team Valdon Rhondda (5.30).

VOLLEYBALL,

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division (men): Team Krystal Kleer v Team File; Aledrie v Belgriff Cardinate; East Klibride v Falkiris; Team Novesport DV v Su Ragazzi; Kinleith Plant v Elicit Sports Jets. First division (women): Hydrasun Tulios v Adscreen Kylis; Aledrie v Deioitis Hazlehead; Provincial Insurance v Falkiri; Grangeburn Coaches v Glasgow Barnemen; Whitburn Centre v Elicit Sports Jets.

TOMORROW

HANDBALL FOOTBALL Secti-timest: Earning v Herindon; Stames v Rutsilin. BUCKINGSHIRRE CUP: Final: Aylesbury v High Wytombe. LINDER-21 MATCH: Combined Services v English Students (at Bristol RFC, 230). KENT CUP: Semi-final: Old Juddisms

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL
LEAGUE: First Divisions Bromley v East
Grinstead (Newsteed Wood School, 2.0);
Cannock v Stourport (Four Crosses
Ground, Cannock, 2.30); Indian Gymirisans v Houssidw (Fethem School, 2.0);
isca v Hatsome (Ottery St Mary, 2.30);
Reading v Weiton (Scrining Line, 2.30);
Reading v Weiton (Scrining Line, 2.30);
Stough v Heron (Grunel University
Ground, Libridge, 2.0); Teddington v Old
Loughtontens (Fetherigion School, Broom
Road, 2.30pm); Weitefield v Southgate
(Schoelmoor Smallum, Bractiond, 3.0);
Second Division: Brean v Guidford
(Bristol University Ground, 2.0); Cambridge City V Neston (Coldhams Common,
2.30); Cambridge City V Neston (Coldhams Common,
2.30); Cambridge City V Neston (Coldhams Common,
2.30); Cambridge Coverity and North
Warwickshire v Bournville (Coverity
School, 3.15); Donaster v Loron (Grove
Sports Centre, Newsirk, 2.0); Gore Court v
Broxbourne (Holly Bush Lane,
Sevencels, 2.0); Warrington v Richmond
(Abert Perk, Salford, 10.30),
MEDLANDS: Club metobes: Illes: Nersonwide Anglia Schools and Vouth Cap
Divisional U-18 and U-16 Finise; (at
Coverity); Carnock v Old Sibrillians;
Horton House v GEC Coverity; Pictosick v
Kings Heath: Streety v Akindge; Wolverhampton v Wednesbury,
NATIONAL U-18 WOLBENTS CLIBS
CHARPSONSHIP: Packy Dale Truphy;
Flambs: (Abbey Meadow), Leicester). HOCKEY 3.0 unless stated
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow'v Hull (2:30); Bradford v Sasford (3:30);
Castidron' v St Helens (3:30); Leeds v
Wigan; Sheffield v Leign (at Doncaster
RFC, 3:15); Waterfield v Widnes (3:30);
Wenfangton v Featherstone, Saccad divisions Carrisie v Dewsbury (2:30); Choriesy
v Halifan; Hull KRI v Keighley; Hunsiet v
Whitesteven (3:30); Coloriem v Huddenfield; Runcorn v Rochdele; Ryedale York v
Fulham (3:15); Swinton v Batley; Trasford
Socough v Doncaster (3:30); Workington v

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Sunderland v London Docklands (6.0). MATIONAL LEAGUE: (seen): First division: Crystal Palace v Birningham (st Broton, 4.0): Gatesheed v Corby (4.0): Hemsel Hemselsteed v Plymoush (6.0). Second division: Doncasser v Middlesbrough (4.0): Sinceport v Cardiff (4.0); Watford v Calderdule (4.0). First division (women): Palace v Northampton (4.0): Gatesheed v Britton (2.0): Sheffield v ippwich (4.0).

ANGLIA SECURE HOMES NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: (Havering, 2.0pm).
MEN'S WORLD RIDOOR CHAMPION-

TENNIS

VALDINALL BIDDOR CLUB TROPHY:
Area 18: Matchpoint Brarrhell v Upper
Arraley Leeds; South Shore Blackpool v
Bulley; Plidington Birchwood v Pume
Wigen. Area 2A: SKS Hallemshire v
Coventry Recquet Centre; Long Roed
Cambridge v Sutton Hardcourts. Area 28:
Walton Astro's v Ealing: David Lloyd
Heeton v London indoor. Area 3A:
Corneught Club London v Batchwood St
Albans; Middlesser Polytecnic v Clearview
Brentwood. Area 4A: Queen's Club
London v David Lloyd Reynes Part;
Roghampton v Record Centre Maidstona.
Area 48: Team Excel Bath v Pack-aPuncters Kingsley.

OTHER SPORT EXILIARDS: Strachen UK Billiards Championship (Marrior Hotel and Country Club, Middlechroners) Albion R v Airdrie Clydebank v Ayr.... Forfar v Alica ...... Hamilton v Falkirk .

Second division Berwick v Queen of Sth Brechin v Queens Park Dumbarton v Stranraer ий у Сом

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE:
Cheam v London University; Dutwich v
Harmestead; Maidenhead v Stackhasti;
Mid-Surrey v Hawks; Purley v Codord
University; Spencer v Beckenshm; Tutee
Hill v Cambridge University. Nemetic Union: Eset Ladgue: Premier division: Bighops Stortford v Westclift; Blusharts v
Harleston Maggies; Cambridge Normade v
Bedfordshire Eagles; Crostyx v Chelmsloop: Cambridge Normade v
Bedfordshire Eagles; Crostyx v Chelmsloop: Cambridge Normade v PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier di-Camberley, Old Michimagnam v Isognur; Old Taumbriers of Gravesend: Sevenoaics v Earsham: Winchester v Anchorisas, Hampshire-Barrey Regional League: Bournernouth and WH v Barmas; Goan v Wolring; Harrible Old Boys v Fleet; Merton v Basingstoke; Nat West Bank: v Epoom; Old Edwardians v Met Police; Southampton University v Weynouth; Walton v Old Walcountians. Kent-Baneeu: Regional Laegue: Herne Bay v Brighton and Hove; Horsham v Burnt Ash; Old Beccelhamiens v Old Williamsonians; Old Holcombalans v Mid-Susses; Rochester and Gillingham v Lloyds; Thames Polytecnic v Lewes; Tonbridge v Old Bordenians; Worthing v Folkestone Opt. Middlesses-Bestathre-Bucklinghamshire and Ordordshire Regional League: OMT v Gerrards Cross; Rayss v NPL: Martow v Hendon; Cliy of Oxford v Aylesbury; Ameraham v Winney.

Windsor v Aylesbury; Ameraham v Winey.
POUNDSTRETCHER

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LEAGUR: First division: Cannock v Bromley; East Grinstead v Old Loughtonians;
Indian Gymitrans v Walesfield; Reading v
Teddington; Slough v Isca; Stoupport v
Waton. Second division: Brothourne v
Taunton Vale; Cambridge City v St. Albans;
Coventry and NW v Canistron; Doncester v Breen; Guidford v Peterborough
Tower: Lyons v Nestors: Richarchd W Warwick v Derby.

TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE Ealing v Chairnstord (Dairy Meadow, Southall 2.0); Exmouth v Orpington (Ottery St. Marry, 11.0); Great Herwood v Hightown (Wiston Athletic, Blackburn, 1.30); Slough v Leicester (Bisham Abbey, 2.00).

LACROSSE

BRIME MORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Stockport: Heston
Mersey v Old Stockport: Heston
Mersey v Old Stockport Witneslow v
Pocholie. Second division: Boardman
and Ecoles v Stockport A: Heston Mersey
A v Steffletd University: Heston Mersey
Guild v Sele: Meltor A v William Hufmer's
GS: Old Wecontens A v Aeriton, Teled
divisions: Cheadle Hufmer v Moorthorpe;
Oldham and Werneth v Sele A; Old
Stopfordians A v Leads University;
Poynton v Heston Mersey B; Urmston A v
Old Hufmeiers. Poynton v Heaton Mersey B; Urmston Av Old Hutmeiere. BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Upper exe-ference: Backenham v London; Highlin v Bests; Oxford v Carabridge; Purley v Hampsteed, Lower conference: Brigition v Croydon; Bucktural Hill v Chipsteed; Hillcroft v Southernpton.

**OTHER SPORT** ATHLETICS: European Indoor Championlonstup (Wimbledon). GYMNASTICS: British Chempionships Sports Acrobatics (Chesterfield). Sports Acrobatics (Chesterfield). NETBALL: U-18 UK and Ireland Tourament (Perth). NOCKER: British Open (Derby).

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Wales v Scotland (at Cardiff 2.30)... **Toehibe County** Chempionshi Comwell v Middlesex (at Redruth, 2.30)......

Lancashire v Warwickshire (at Orrell, 2.30) ..... Club matches Askaans v Stourbride Blackheath y Rossivn Pk... Backheam v Hossiyii PK Durham v Harrogate ...... Fylde v Met Police...... Gals v L Scottish (12.30). Gosforth v Harleguins..... Hauside v Boundbay Hawick v Round

Hawtick V Houndray
Headingty v Orrell
Jed-Forest v Kendel
Kelso v Middlesbro (12.0)
Uchfield v Derby (2.45)
Liverpool St H v W Hartlepool
L Irish v Moseley
L Welsh v Saracens Wasps v Coventry.... Waterloo v Bedford. Winnington Pk v Otley (2.30) .....

Michand; Barnet v Blord Wanderers; Bec Old Boys v Kings College Hospital; Camberley v Brackmelt; Carabardgian v Old Northemplonians; Cheshunt v Saracens Crusaders; Chichester v East Grinstead; Chingford v Welwyn; Citizens v Blackneath Blades; Cobham v Old Resconians; Cranleigh v Mitchem; Chespeth Malley & Barner, Perchandh v Derenth Valley v Beddey, Detchworth v Bedford Queens; Dover v Gillingham Anchorians; Eastleigh v Wimborne; Effingham Chiptered; Eather Voll Blues; Bion Menor v Brentwood. Emingham v Chaptaed; Esham v Old Shees; Blon Manor v Breatwood; Famham Common Drifters v Reme Arborfield; Folksstone v Crowborough; Fullerians v Staines; Gravesend v Canterbury; Herrodien v Old Sutioniens; Heatings and Harrodien v Old Suboniens; Heatings and Beahit v Betsestanger Collery; Heriey v Sidoup; Jowich v North Washiam; Kingston v Anters; London New Zeeland v Frachley; Marion v Batierses tronsides; Mill His v Grasshoppers; Norwich v Cheimsford; Old Abbotstoniens v Centum; Old Allevniens v Centum; Old Allevniens v Centum; fon v Antiers; London New Zasarnu v Finchley; Merion v Battersea Inonsides; Mill Hill v Grasshoppers; Norwich v Chelmsford; Old Abbotstoniens v Centurs; Old Alleynters v Old Emanue; Old Beccahamian v Bromley; Old Blues Nomads v London Fire Brigade; Old Brentwoods v Westelft; Old Colfeians v Natifiest Benit; Old Durstonien v Old Shoctarhilians; Old Ethamians v Medway; Old Epsomian v Law Society; Old Grammarians v Old Ashnoleans; Old Hamptonians v Lensbury; Old Johniens v Old Methoniens; Old Hamptonians v Lensbury; Old Johniens v Old Methoniens; Old Tottonians v Lensbury; Old Johniens v Old Methoniens; Old Tottonians v Old Waldordians; Old Tottonians v Old Wandelenster; Park House v Met Police; Pennscians v Chimnor; Phoenix v Rooteh Manor; Pinner and G's v Harrow; Portsmouth v Bognor; Purley v Sectenham; Reading v OMT: Redogensians v Flutslic; Rootford v Colchester; Romeey v Petersfield; Royston v Cambridge; Sanwdown v Old Gravesendians; Sevenneis v Dertondians; Soutespion v Farmhar; Stockwood Park v Old Gaytonians; Tabard v Harpenden; Tramesians v Osterley; Upminister v Vigo; Upper Clapton v Cirk Service; Warningham v Oorley; Wester, Club metabase; Burnham on See v Metabase; Club Metabase; Worthing v Horsham.

v Horshem.

WEST: Club matches: Burnham on Sea v Chard; Blagdon Uld v Aller; Bristol Uld v Harlequins Wanderars; BAC v Thombury; Bristol A v Homess: Bristol Harlequins v North Bristol; Bude v Bideford; Camborne v Taunton; Chebrandor; Falmouth v Bernstaple; Gordano v Impariat; Helston v Camborne SOM;

SPORT ON TV

Today

BASKETBALL: Sersempert 9.30-11pm:
College metal: Dute v Clemeon.
BOWLS: BBC2 4.35-6.15pm and 1.252.30am (tomorrow): Coverage of the
Estabasey world indeer championships
from Preston.
BOURIC: Eurosport 7-9pm: "Salanday
night fights". BBC1 10.40-11.40pm: WBA
world weltenswight obemplosship: Mark
Bruland v Lloyd Honeyghan.
CRICKETS: Str. One. 2.30.11pm; West. Breisnd v Lloyd Honeyghen.
CRICKET: Sky One 2.30-11pm: West
Index v England: Ne coverage of the
third one-day international from Kingston, Jarnaica. BBC1 11.40pm-12.30am:
highights.
CYCLING: Eurosport 10-11pm.
FOOTBALL: Screensport 12-1pm: Football from Argentine.

Angeles Open: Eurospent 1-3pm, 9-10pm and 11pm-1ame Hydrelphics of the Ametican Express Middlerine and Open from Las Brissa, Spain, and the Dubel Clessic. GRANDSTANE: BDC1 12.15-5.05pm; Rugby Union: Five resident's champlesships: Live coverage of Walse v Scotland from Cardill, and highlights of Passes v Included from Paris. Poolbalt Preview to the 1980 Warld Cap. Reading: 1.9, 1.30 and 2.0 from Haydoot; 1.15 and 1.45 from Newbury. Crickets: England v West Indian Report on the third ens-day Indensificant from Kingston, James. Bobshigh: Highlights of the four-man World Champitoships. First Score. NCE HOCKEY: Screensport 2.30-4.30pm: National Hockey Leeges.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screenport 8.30-7.30pm.

(minn) from innsbruck, Austria. RESULTS SERVICE: ITV 4.45-5pm. SNOOKER: ITV 11.15pm-12.30am: Co champleneshpe.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Euroepert 34pm: Sport from around the world.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.
YACHTERQ: Screensport 9-10em: Highlights of the 12 metra Chellenge from
Sydney.

Winscomber, Torquey v Teignmouth: Traines v Creation; Weston Utd v Frome; Yatton v Glavedon, MiDLANDE: Club metches: All Spertans v Belper; Aristey v Atherstone; Aylesbury v Kethering; Aylestonistris v Ashbourne; Busworth; Aylestonistris v Ashbourne; Barkers Busworth; Aylestonistris v Ashbourne; Barkers Butter v Syston; Bedford Swifts v Northempton Trinity; Berkswell and Belsell v Trismblemil; Biggleswarde v St Neote; Britchiled v Alcester; Berningham Cityl Off v Coventrisns; Birmingham Cityl Off v Coventrisns; Birmingham Cityl Ser v Shipston; Bourne v Catham; Burbage v Warwick; Burton v Wortester; Button v Kenllworth; Camp Bir v Kenllworth; Hinckley v Mansflett; Birston v Bucton; Royworth v North Kestever; Kingelvorton v Lucioniena; Lichield v Derfy; Lirley v Wednesbury; Long Buckby v Banbury; Loughborough v Northempton Trinity; Lufon v Hitchin; Lutienworth v Kübworth; Lydney v Birmingham and Solfhult; Melvern v Long Eator; Mellish v Castefort; Melton Mowtray v Beigrare; Newbold v Surton Coldiled; Newcastle v Dorkwich; Northampton O Socuts v Ciney; Nottingham Casuals v Sheffield Tigers; Nottingham v Surdoniens; Old Goventriens; Nuneston OE v Mansfield: Oadby Wyggestonians v Stewarts and Loyde; Old Albaniens v Coventry; Cit Gentry; Old Contrais v Old Laurentians; Old Stewarts and Loyde; Old Albaniens v Goventry; Rugelson Buzzard; Old Ashbelans v Goventry; Cit Gentry; Old Contrais v Old Laurentians; Old Stewarts v Wellington ough of City Proteins v Venezue, Rugby Weish v Scratott Mentors; Rushden and Higham v Manor v Reddisch; Southwell v South Wigotish; Southwell v South w Weddisch; Southwell v South with Stephen v Chesterfeld; Strattord on Avon v Reddisch; Southwell v Boston; Syston v Reddisch; Southwell v Boston; Syston v

Screensport 6.30-7.30pm.
SABIT AND GREAVER: ITV 1.10-1.40pm.
SCRNC: Eurosport 11am-1pm and 4-6pm.
Coverage of the Women's elekter and glant elekter from Coverage of the Women's elekter and the Men's elekter and glant elekter from Vsysonizez, France: Screensport 6-6.30pm; United States pre-tour: Highlights from Sono Summit, Cellionnia.
SPEED SKATING: Eurosport 10-11am: Highlights of the world champloneship (pum) from innatruck, Austria.
RESHLTS SERVICE: ITV 4.46-5ons.

Tomorrow BASKETBALL: Screensport 8.30-10em and 10.15-11.30pm: College metch Duke v Clerson, and highlights of the Harless (Globatrotters. World Championships. Final Score.
RCE HOCKEY: Screensport 2:30-4:30pm:
Rediscal Hockey League.
ROBEL MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport
8-6:30pm.
ROBEL MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 10am-midday and 4:30-8pm: Meer Racing: High-

Plotte Show*.

POOTEALL: Screensport 12:30-1.30em,
4-6sm, 12-2pm and 9.15-10.15pm: Footbell from Arganitine, and Speniels Laegue:
Real Marid v Rayo Vallecano.

GOLP: Screensport 2-4pm: Highlights of
the Los Angelies Open: Eurosport 1-2pm
and 9-11pm: Highlights of the American
Express Medisorumeen Open from Las
Brisas, Spein.

ICE MCCKEY: Screensport 6-7:30em and
8-0.15pm: Rights Stating: Highlights of
the United Sistes championship.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 1-303.30em 4-6pm: Micro Reckey Highlights 1

me United States championship.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 1.303.30am 4-5om: Motor Racking: Highlights
of the NASCAR Pentine 400.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:
Screensport 10-11am.
RUGSY UNION: Excusport 3-5pm and
RECS 5-5pm: Pive nations' champlossing: Highlights of France v Ireland
from Paris, and Wales v Scotland from
Cardin. Cardin:

SKING: Eurosport 11 am-1pm and 11pm1em: Coverage of the Weissel's shilton
and giant sielom from Candenchu, Spain,
and the hise's statom and giant sielom
from Veyscensz, France: Seressport
3.30-4ses: United States pro-tour: righlights from Srow Sursell, California.
SPEED SKATING: Eurosport 10-11am;
Highlights of the world championships
from Tromson, Norway.
THAI BOXING: Seresspoort 11.30cm-THAI BOXING: Screensport 11.30pm Tam: Highlights of the 1960 World championships. UPDATE: Somement fort WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Sen 7.30-8.30sm. YACHTING: Screensport 11am

Park Sramhope v Yarnbury (at Roundhay). Cube matches: Advict v Armstone Maristanc: Arebronians v Colme and Nelson; All Spartans v Beloar; Baldon v Burley; Barton and District Hull and ER; Bertantsed Park v Vale of Lunc, Bishop Auckland v Aphington; Bowdon v Yuten; BP Chemicals v Driffield XV; Bradford and Bingley v Cambridge University, Bridington v Goole; Burnage v Metround; Centiorin v Ambleside; Center and Narquich v New Brighan XV; De la Sale (Salford) v Warnington; De la Sale (Salford) v Matropolitan Police; Grimsby v Cloethorpes: Halfax v Wrenham; Halliss Vandals v Didbarry Tod. Halfax v Whellons v Hull Indians (Michael V) Hallison v Hullison v Hu

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SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE: First division: Featherstone Rovers v Cidment, Widnes v Cartaie. Second division: Devision v Trationd Borough (at Badley, 12.0); Doncasser v Workington Town-Hudderstaid v Barrow, Rochdale Homels v Ryedale York; Whitehayere v Bredlord Northern (2.30).

BINFL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Mistorn v Lock Lane (2.30); Askern v East Leads (2.30); Capt Third Reund (2.30); Fryson Croner v Loughbortough Unit; Sacdewsorth v Upon and Frickley; Rosebridge v Millord, Peeth Reund: Crostletts v Leigh Missen, Cutstate v Bisons: Oewsbury Calle v Wigan St Patricks; Dudley Hill V Selfie United Collows: Headinghem v Partaide Golborne; Leagh East v Heaventh Planting v Fryston; Theto Neath v Glasson; Walney v Farmerth; Wigan St Pats A v Outlon; Woolston v Fitzington.

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idently not a strong point at Mark Care Goodwin's for there are some strange aberrations in the naming of players: R.C. Barton [R.G. Barlow]. Billing [Pilling] and J.E.K. Stud [Studd]. The same company produced Old Judge Cigarette Factory base cards of an assortment of other celebrities around 1890, among them Blackham, Bonnor, Boyle, Giffen, McDonnell and Waiters. Three of these were snapped up for £155 at a Caxton Hall auction in 1975, a percentage only of their value today. Another transatlantic com-

pany, the American Tobacco Company, was responsible for Bonanza and Dollar brand name sets, and again the choice of people in the public eye included cricketers - S.E. Gregory, Trott. ford, Philipson, Richardson and

#### SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

# Batting in a boundless field

The pursuit of cricket memorabilia, once a genteel hobby, has mushroomed in the past decade. Marcus Williams and Gordon Phillips trace the growth in interest and the discovery of some historic pieces.

ricket memorabilia may be broadly defined as any object connected with this most English of games, be it 18thcentury book or woodwormed bat, cigarette card or postcard, panoramic painting or polychrome print, 78rpm gramophone record or jam maker's golly badge, cherished autograph album or yellowing scrapbook, new-fangled video cassette or computer game, an abdominal protective box - yes, one of these did appear at auction - or a chunk of masonry from the perimeter wall at The Oval. In fact, the subject is almost boundless. Every one of the items is collectable, and collected by devotees, and though the appeal of some items may be too personal or esoteric for others, there exists a ready and established market for just about anything associated with cricket

Material can turn up in the most unlikely places, although some leads can prove to be, almost literally, red herrings: more than one cricket collector has been seduced by a book entitled A Summer on the Test, 1930 — only to discover that it is about fishing. However, examples of two unlikely but genuine sources can well illustrate the point: the first involves militant women, the second rubbish, and both stories also prove that the thrill of making a

new discovery is far from lost. it was a casual remark by John Kennedy Melling an historian and critic (though not of cricket), which revealed that he did in fact own one item connected with the

It was a bail - could it be one with which Botham or Trueman performed great deeds, perhaps? No, older than that — used by Bedser, maybe, or Laker?

No. earlier - Tate, Verity, No, before the First World War

- Barnes, Rhodes, Richardson? NO, delivered by a lemale a female arm? Perhaps one of the Original English Lady Cricketers, who were chaperoned around the country playing games of a strictly sporting nature in the 1890s? One of those special blue cricket balls once developed for the women's game and on display at Lord's?

Still no. And so he unfolded the tale. The ball had found its way into Melling's possession nearly 20 vears earlier. He was given it by a former Alderman of Essex County Council, Miriam Eileen Edwards. who had inherited it from her father. He was Superintendent Wilcox of the Metropolitan Police, whose face, beneath his flat can, became familiar as the officer who regularly arrested Emmeline Pankhurst during the struggles of the Suffragenes. (Wilcox carried out his duty, apparently, in a most gentlemanly way, telephoning Mrs Pankhurst first to say that he was on his way.) On May 21, 1914 the business. It has to be accepted, campaigners' order of the day was however, that the market-place is a window-smashing protest in

he exact origins of

cigarette cards remain

imprecise, the best

likelihood being that

the earliest was an

American tobacco

card dated 1877, which was discovered in the Metropolitan

Museum of Art, New York; but as

internal stiffeners for pre-wrapped

tobacco they were the dream

advertising medium. Cheap and

adaptable, they made their mark

in the grey, drab streets of newly industralised towns toward the

end of the last century, offering

scraps of colour to rootless, half-

literate men and their families.

The cards appeared first as singles.

then, once the consumer was

Entrepreneurs were quick off

the mark to meet the great male

interest in sport. The first known

issue to portray cricketers turned

up in Australia, c. 1886, packaged

by a New York firm, Goodwin &

Company, under the brand name

Old Judge and entitled 'Celeb-

rities'. In-depth research was ev-

hooked, as sers in series.

Whitewall. While Mrs Higginson used as ammunition stones collected in Southend - such things were said to have been not easily found at that time in London her companion on the raid, Mrs Marshall, hurled a more expensive missile, namely this cricket ball, through a Cabinet Minister's window, whence it was retrieved and came into Wilcox's hands. The ball carries in gold lettering the retailer's name, Army & Navy, and in black ink the protesters' message, "A PROUD & COW-ARDLY KING" and, beneath the stitching, "1914". The leather surface of the ball is intact apart from a few black stains and half a dozen tiny punctures, which may have been caused by the glass as the ball shattered the window. A piece of British, if not exactly cricketing, history, but a prize piece of cricketana rescued and

escue, too, as well as a feminine connection, was the keynote of our other late entry, involving a blazer from the 1929-30 MCC tour of the West Indies. This navy blue garment, adorned with the familiar George and Dragon badge and red and yellow piping, was found in a rubbish skip in Cheltenham by a husband whose wife had been diligently clearing out piles of unwanted stuff found in the loft. Seeing the name tag, he tele-phoned a friend to ask whether anybody named R.E.S. Wyatt had played for England. By happy chance the friend was also the chairman of Derbyshire County Cricket Club, and the rest is another bit of history. The blazer turned out to be the only one missing from Wyatt's collection, and Warwickshire, his former county, arranged for it to be returned to him during the Edgbaston Test match of 1989. Sixty years on, England's then oldest living Test player, and captain, was thus reunited with a treasured item presumed lost forever. What was it doing in Cheltenham? The house outside which it was rescued was believed

Until quite recently the collecting of cricketana was an apparently arcane pursuit, dominated by a handful of collectors and parttime dealers, but the advent of regular sales by leading London auction houses in 1978 has brought it to a far wider audience and attracted a far wider range of material on to the market. This has, inevitably, led to an escalation of prices, much to the chaprin of some collectors who feel themselves squeezed out by the greater buying power of the full-time dealers and who question the morality that lies behind the commercial ethos, feeling that cricketana belongs to the world of cricket, not to the world of

to have belonged to Wyatt's



Stained-glass splendour: R.G. Barlow at the crease on a window which once adorned his house and is now at Old Trafford

now dominated by the auctions, although in global terms the levels are still those of a hobby when compared to the vast sums expended on works of art. Whereas these may be calculated in millions of pounds, cricketana still rates in hundreds and sometimes in thousands. Among competitive sports, however, cricket is rivalled for range and demand only by golf, horse racing, and possibly boxing the presence of American and Japanese money, particularly in golf, makes for increased competition and thus higher prices than in cricket, although Australasian bidders, first prominent at the MCC Bicentenary auction in

1987, are making their dollars felt. The fun of collecting is not the simple acquisition by passing a cheque over a counter, it is the fun of search, discovery and attainment. All three are the fruits of accrued knowledge gained the hard way, for to be a real collector

one needs a fatalistic outlook, a deep purse, boundless optimism and a good-natured woman about

the bouse. Collecting becomes a serious affliction that cannot be operated upon. No bookshop or gallery worth its salt is safe from attack. Triffid-like, what starts as a hobby mutates into a fascination that can become a compulsion.

he greatest collectors have always been, with but a few exceptions, players of only mediocre ability, their pleasure derived from the ownership of things connected with the heritage of the game, not in itself a bad substitute. Writing in The Cricketer (May 2, 1936), J.W. (Joe) Goldman placed himself squarely in that category and never collected bats and balls, which he claimed not to

No conclusions dare to be made as to why so few active first-class cricketers show so little interest in memorabilia. Even their achievements or records of their representative sides are sometimes shrugged off. Perhaps life indeed is too short to be both a full-time player and collector, or do players become immune to inanimate historical objects dimly perceived while moving from one pavilion to another? The attitude was typified by Bob Willis, once captain of Warwickshire and England and taker of 325 Test wickets, who said he had no desire "to turn my home into a shrine to myself" - he had always kept his trophies in a suitcase. Willis put his memorabilia up for auction (at Christie's in October 1988) with the laudable wish that devotees. who truly appreciate the array of blazers, shirts, jerseys, balls and medals, might have a chance to

By contrast, one of the first major collectors was that most amiable of men, Richard Gorton Barlow of Lancashire and England (1851-1919), who lived in a house surrounded by memories of bat and ball, cricket trophies and "presents innumerable". With Bob Appleyard, the only other significant collector to have played Test cricket was Evelyn Rockley Wilson (1879-1957). Possessed of a proud Yorkshire snobbery - "One doesn't necessarily know cricket just because one has played for Leicestershire" Rockley Wilson was a scholarly, erudite man, "a firm believer in the straight bat", and, with a considerable knowledge of furniture, philately and silver, was as close to Renaissance man as cricket could claim since Felix. His home was crammed with cricket pictures, china figures, handkerchiefs and the dining room dominated by a picture of

The price of cards has moved

sharply upwards in recent years

and shows no signs of abating.

Most issues between the wars are

relatively easy to find, less so those

Collecting becomes an affliction that cannot be operated upon. Triffid-like, a hobby mutates into a fascination that can become a compulsion

Fuller Pilch at the wicket. A library of over 3,000 items avoided ephemeral trash and ghosted autobiographies, and under the terms of his will MCC. were blessed with first choice of

where the rich pickings.

Another considerable collector was said to be G. Leonard Garnsey (1881-1951), a Sheffield Shield player for New South Wales, of whom it has been written that he owned all the early Australian annuals. If that is so, "consid-

erable" is an understatement. How easy it must have been for the pioneer collectors. There were Padwick, Ford and Gaston advertising in The Field and Exchange and Mart, traversing the home counties, often in concert, purchasing eagerly every-thing offered for a song, while all around them the motherlode of memorabilia awaited collection with singularly little competition. Cricketana as a hobby was a genteel occupation for a narrow, almost incestuous, brotherhood of collectors. Among major collectors there was a close alliance: Thomas Padwick was at school with A.L. Ford, and his daughter married Charles Pratt Green; Padwick also happened to be a close friend of A.J. Gaston, who was in turn a close friend of W.L. Murdoch, the former Australian captain, then settled in Sussex.

Other than books, the cricketing cult came into being in the heyday of W.G. Grace, when it was fashionable for houses, both great and small, to be graced with a cricketing piece or two. Supply always rises to meet demand, so that a touch of cricket was applied to a plethora of household and personal articles - clocks, pottery figures, mugs, jugs, ashtrays and jewellery. Around the turn of the century, Gaston's articles in Wisden and The Cricket Field stimulated a keen demand for cricket books, but this was shortlived, so that by 1905 F.S. Ashley-Cooper noted that although interest in collecting was as great as ever, albeit within a tight-knit circle, prices were lower than at any period since 1890. With certain notable exceptions, prices actually remained stable and in favour of the collector virtually from Edwardian days to after the Second World War.

Such cricket items as did appear at auction were tiny portions of more cosmopolitan sales, but generally the collecting scene was moribund. There was a time between the wars when it was possible to enter an antique dealer's shop, ask for a cricketing piece, and either be met with blank astonishment, or a gruff remark that nothing of that kind had been seen for years, or be offered, from some dusty corner, an autographed bat.

## Pasteboard tribute with a score in thousands

Wills were quick to learn from the impact made in America by pictorial cards, and their printers, Mardon's, are thought to have run off a pioneering set in 1887, soon to be followed by the first of many runs by John Player & Sons in Nottingham. As part of the "to-bacco war" of 1899-1902, Ogden's of Liverpool introduced their Guinea Gold photographic cards, then their Tabs', and, prior to their sale to imperial Tobacco in 1902, so rampant in size were their issues that they are still commonplace. The Imperial Tobacco Company dominated the market in the first years of this century. but there were still about 150 other companies, usually very small, quietly doing their own thing in

the way of cards. The printing of cards ceased in 1917, not to begin again properly until 1922 During this period, one of the most celebrated firms issuing high-quality cards went under. This was James Taddy & Company, founded in 1750, whose first series of cards came out in 1887. Originally purveyors of tobacco, tea and snuff, they were one of the earliest companies to introduce packet tobacco, with beautifully produced cards whose dual purpose was to act as stiffeners and to encourage brand loyalty. The abrupt demise of the company, brought about by industrial strife, ended a great era of cigarette cards. The low survival rate of their cards has led to their issues becoming exceptionally de-

simple rarities. However, they were but one of the many series of cigarette and trade cards, both monochrome and coloured, international in coverage, which have been assiduously collected for many years and Aided by the mechanisation of





Cricketing caricatures: cards from 1926, drawn by "Rip" and autographed by their subjects

Between the wars, ornate printing styles and rather stilted textual notes gave way to more functional modes. Print runs by the great manufacturing companies - John Player, Ogden's, Ardath, Churchman's, Carreras, Godfrey Phillips, R. & J. Hill and J. Millhoff became ever more gigantic and could be counted in hundreds of millions. On the principle of "lick and stick", special albums were provided by local tobacconists at

the cost of a few nence. Cricketers were sometimes portraved within a wide range of other activities, either as politicians, actors, golfers or footballers, so that there are some 12,000 collectable cards, including varieties. While Australian issues are second to Britain, many have come from unlikely countries, such as Italy

and Belgium. From 1900 to the 1930s few first-class cricketers failed to appear, as well as virtually every

touring teams to Britain since 1899. Some faces have been overlooked, but Bradman features on more than a hundred cards and Jack Hobbs was probably represented on more cards than any other cricketer. W.G. Grace, for once, is well down the field with only about half that many, coming on the scene a little too early for this form of tribute. Quite apart from pictures of the

players, there have been grounds, old cricket prints, umpiring tips, puzzles and games, crests, ties, statistics, comic cards by Phil May, Punch cartoons, as well as comic characters such as Bonzo and Billy Bunter. The 1926 caricatines by "Rip", part of the Player's 'Cricketers' series, are remarkable for their likenesses, characteristic postures and

Few of the cards pretend to a genuine artistic appeal, and perhans among the most attractive were distributed through local

rare - the delicate lithographs produced in Germany for the Wills 'Cricketers' sets of 1896 and 1901. By comparison their later issues, 1908, 1928 and 1929, seem earish. Other catchy early sets are the 1902 'Vanity Fair' issues three series, each of 50 cards - and the 'County Badges' set printed on silk for Godfrey Phillips. Their 'Pinnace' sets issued between 1923 and 1925 have a dignity of their own, especially the larger size "brown backs" available from the Godfrey Phillips stand at the 1924 British Empire Exhibition.

Others look amateurish beyond belief, and a particularly striking example is the series produced by J. Baines of Bradford. These date from the 1880s to 1914-18 or thereabouts, with some 40 cards shaped as shields, hearts, ivy leaves and so forth. Generally monochrome, with a band across the shield in different colours, they

from overseas. Issues pre-1914 are an entirely different matter - even in 1962 figures of £5 per card were mentioned, with 2s. (10p) the bottom line for less rare items, and some of the scarcer issues had not changed hands for 20 years or so. Rarity and price do not depend on age alone and some comparatively recent sets - especially those issued with confectionery such as the famous Barratt's issues of the late 1920s and 1930s, which include several lesser known players - can be extremely elusive. Cards issued up to 1905 are always beavily in demand, even in only fair condition. The classic sets such as the 50 cards of the Wills 'Cricketers' of 1896 and 1901 will always command a premium, even though they may not be as rare as the Pattreiouex photographic 'Cricketers' series of 96 cards, which is nigh impossible to find complete, despite its being as recent as 1922. A single Wills card from the 1896 set (Lockwood) was bought for £18 in November 1984, while the 1901 set was valued at £250 in 1983, and single cards a year later at £5 each. The 1896 set now stands tall at £1,500. As for the Pattreiouex set, they now average around £30 a card.

A prime attraction at a November 1984 anction was a full set of 25 D. & J. Macdonald's 'Cricketers' (1902), estimated at £500-£800, which reached the astronomical figure of £2,600. A decade earlier a similar set realised £285. Fry, Grace, Jessop, Mac-Laren and Ranji are among those portrayed in this set issued from

Glasgow, with the Winning brand

the greatest challenge lies in acquiring long series of cards such as Taddy's 1908 series of 238 county cricketers. Being white background cards they are not easy to find in clean condition, added to which they appear to have been issued on a regional basis, making certain counties harder than others. A portion of the set, 195 in all, realised £2,400 at Phillips in November 1987, and a total of 228, sold by county, soared to £5,825 in May 1989, with the 15 Northamptonshire cards making double any other county at £850.

All pre-1914 cards sell well, but those from the 1930s, printed in millions, find a slow market. The famous Player's issues for 1934 and 1938, usually about 10-20p per card, are regularly to be found in shop windows, framed and mounted and selling for around £14.50. Since 1982-83 the Nostalgia' reprints by Murray Cards of facsimile issues of the two early Wills sets, accordingly lettered at the base and framed in brass, are often to be seen as office displays, an elegant addition to wooden panelling in VIP corners.

Complete sets are always desirable and most sets up to the value of £50-£60 are available, given time. Beyond that it becomes a question of patience, and the dilemma is whether to acquire odd cards in a series or wait for the set. More often than not, the sets are in better condition than the singles, and it is still possible to upgrade as time goes by. Mint cards can often be worth three or four times the value of ones in inferior order, and dealers nowadays are only too aware of the value of their stock.

• Extracted from The Wisden Book of Cricket Memorabilia by Marcus Williams and Gordon Phillips, with a foreword by John Arlott, to be published next Thurs-

# Vodkatini earns Cheltenham tilt Johnson Houghton Racing Correspondent spite being bearen a sent spite being bearen a spite being bearen a sent spite being bearen a spite being bearen a spite being bearen a spite being bearen a spite bearen a spite being bearen a spite bearen a

Despite being beaten a total of 16 lengths when last of four behind Knockbrack at Newbury yesterday, the temperamental but talented Vodkatini remains on target for an attempt to repeat his 1988 win in the Grand Annual Chase at Cheltenham.

As usual, Joe Price, the gallops man at Findon and son of the famous captain, led Vodkatini up to the start. But, unfortunately, just as the 11-year-old looked ready to jump off on terms, Mr Key also proved reluctant and Vodkatini dug in his toes and was left at least 30 lengths. "We're definitely send him to Cheltenham," said Josh

**Double duty** 

Champion jockey Peter Scadamore is on double duty today. He rides the unbeaten Miinnehoma in the Philip Cornes Saddle Of Gold final at Newbury and then travels by helicopter to Hereford for three more mounts — Royal Derbi, Walk Of Life and Harry Lime.

Gifford "We've got to send him to a big meeting as he's handicapped out of it on the smaller tracks. After all, he'd probably have won if he jumped off on terms today." In a 20-year highly success-

ful training career. Gifford failed to saddle a winner at the National Hunt Festival until two seasons ago, since when he has had five successes. Once again, the trainer has a strong hand including Fort

Noel, his impressive Haydock winner, who goes for the Sun Alliance Hurdle. Paddyboro will attempt to repeat last year's victory in the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup. Pragada, successful in the Coral Golden Hurdle final two seasons ago, this time will run in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle, Persian Style, who has not been seen in nublic since beating Jinxy Jack at Cheltenham in November, is to take on Beech Road and Kribensis in the Champion Hurdle

"I've got several other possible runners including Brookmount in the Queen Mother Champion Chase and Copse And Robbers in the Coral Final," the trainer added. "The trouble is my horses haven't been quite right recently and I'm just hoping that they all come on song in the next 10 days or so." As Vodkatini had vainly

struggied to regain the ground lost at the start. Brendan Powell made all the running on Knockbrack. Michael Bowlby tried hard to get to grips on Mr Key in the last lengths at the last, but he only half-mile but the winner kept just held on. We'll probably Ham has no firm plans for Knockbrack but Handicap Hurdle." David Murray Smith intends Like most of us, Tinkler able winner by five lengths in to send the runner-up for the thoughts are now turning to- the hands of Nigel Ridout.

using for the first time the

newly-constructed course at Howe Hills, near Sedgefield, will

On the nearby National Hunt

hunter chase 11 days ago and this combination is likely to

start favourite for the open race.

Ask Jean pulled up at the Sinnington last Saturday but the

race will have brought her on

form, be capable of winning the ladies' race for Jean Brown.

At the Bicester, with nine races on the card, secretary Teresa Elwell will have a busy

afternoon, also fitting in riding

engagements. Best of these looks Mark Barlow's dual win-

ner, Military Two Step, in the ladies' race. Border Burg, the 1987 champion hunter chaser, is

down to go in the open and the 13-year-old may still outpace

13-year-old may sum most of his younger rivals.

Border Sun took a race or two

to come to hand last season but

ended by being narrowly de-feated in the Piper Champagne

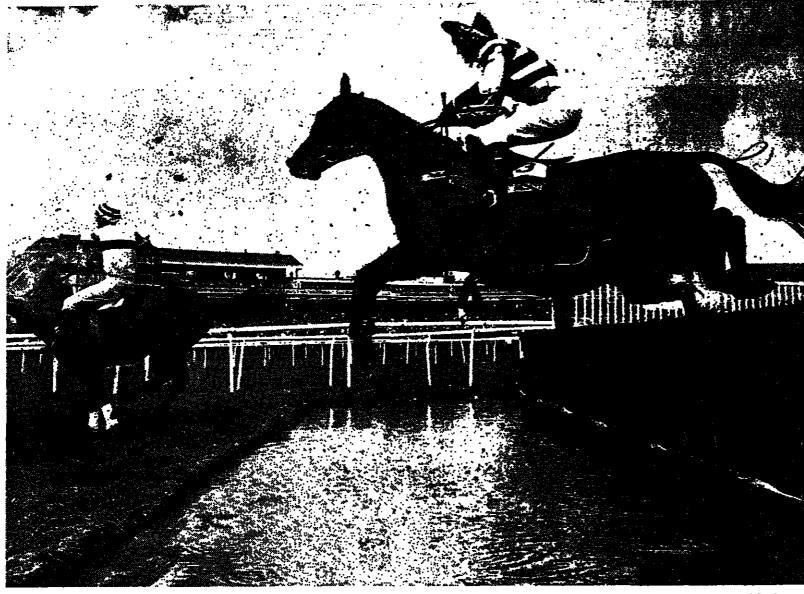
Hunter Chase at Cheltenham. Connections will be hoping to

qualify him for the Audi final at

Chase at Sandown on Friday.

A triple winner already th

to Thursday's snow.



Martin Pipe's Go West and Graham McCourt negotiate the water jump safely on their way to victory in the Ardington Novices' Chase at Newbury

Festival.

man in form, the jockey landing an 8-1 double on Go

West and Question Of Degree. There was an enthrailing race for the March Hare Handicap Hurdle before the camera showed that Question Of Degree had foiled the late attack of Sea Buck by a short head with Badrakhani only a head away in third place.

The bookmakers had been confident that Question Of Degree had held on and had asked for odds of 3-1 on. "I thought we'd been beaten easily until I saw the re-run," said Toby Balding, the trainer of the runner-up, "and then I thought we'd won."

The gallant winner has now won three of his last four races for Nigel Tinkler, the Malton trainer. "He only just stays the trip," he said. "I thought he was going to win by four going for a 21/2 lengths victory. bring him back here for the next meeting for the Spring

Grand Annual Chase at the wards Cheltenham and the trainer has three probable Graham McCourt was the runners. Bank View, the winner of Haydock Park's Champion Hurdle Trial, goes for the championship, Sayyure for the Triumph Hurdle and Smart Performer for the County Hurdle.

> David Barons was another trainer to come on sone as the Festival approaches and the Kingsbridge trainer watched Sketcher run out the widemargin winner of the Radcot Handicap Hurdle by 10 lengths, after Fanny Dillon, the favourite, had weakened in the straight to finish

"I have three or four runners at Cheltenham," said the Devon trainer. "Seagram has only 10st 3lb in the Ritz Club Handicap. And after the way he ran when third to Desert Orchid in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton last Saturday, he's going to take a lot

In the Soapey Sponge Hunteventually ran out a comfort-

### Pipe regrets not entering Milford Quay in Champion

Martin Pipe's record makes it Dormouse Novices' Hurdle. obvious he does not make many

The 6-4 on favourite vied for errors, but the champion trainer owned up to one after Milford Quay had slammed Island Set by 12 lengths in the White Rabbit Hurdle at Haydock Park

"I made a mistake with the "I made a mistake with the entries and didn't put him in the Champion Hurdle," shrugged Pipe. He was rueing that error as Milford Quay made all the running under Peter Scudamore and quickened away dramatically when challenged by the 7-4 on favourite at the last.

"I did not think he would best

"I did not think he would beat Island Set but the tactics paid off brilliantly for Scadagore, and the way Milford Quay came away showed that although he is

away showed that although he is not big he is 100 per cent genuine," Pipe said.
Milford Quay will carry a penalty in Cheltenham's County Hurdle, while Island Set, who had £36,000 staked on him yesterday, will still contest the Champion Hurdle, aithough Corals have pushed his price out

the 6-4 on involunte view for the lead in the early stages with market rival Re-Release but Peter Scudamore, who had the choice of mounts, was in control rounding the home turn, and coasted in by 15 lengths from

On dismounting, the cham-pion jockey promptly assured Joanna Winter, representing trainer Charlie Brooks, that he wanted to be on board Bitter Buck again in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices

The Lambourn stable's other Racing next week

MONDAY: Windsor, Laicester, Lingfield Park (AW) TUESDAY: Warwick, Sedgefield, TUESDAY: Warwick, Seogenero,
Lingfield Park (AW)
WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge,
Bangor, Southwell (AW)
THURSDAY: Wincanton, Stratford,
Southwell (AW)
FRIDAY: Sandown Park, Carlisle,
Market Rasen, Lingfield Park (AW)
SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Chepetwo. Aur. Donester. Lingfield

Chase), Arden, Hazy Sunset and Bajan Sunshine. piete a treble when The Leggett was successful in the Carpenter

incinde Celtic Shot (Arkle

iandicap Chase. William Barlow rode his first er under Rules aboard Oakley House in the Walrus Hanters' Chase.

The 27-year-old, who stands fit 4in tall, had previously scored 12 times between the flags, but looked at the mercy of the even money favourite Ready Steady at the final fence. However, the 9-1 chance kept pulling out more on the run-in, and Ready Steady was held by

2½ lengths. Water Wagtail, the well sup-ported 5-4 second favourite, fell at the second fence and, although remounted by John Greenall, was later pulled up. Colin Coxen, who owns and trains the 11-year-old Oakley House at nearby Bury, will next Bitter Buck booked her-place stow, Ayr, Doncaster, Lingfield Blinkered first time at the Cheltenham festival with Park (AW)

SOUTHWELL: 2.10 Miss Bea; 3.40 Pretty in Pink.

One spring morning 15 years ago, after watching his three-year-old filly Rose Bowl on the gallops above Blewbury, Fulke Johnson Houghton returned home and telephoned Lester Piggott.

Piggott.

A week later, Piggott came down to sit on the filly, but declined breakfast because he had "business to attend to".

Johnson Houghton, drawing on the site of the si the permanent rigarctic, still remembers with a chuckle that Rose Bowl, a long-priced out-sider for the 1,000 Guineas that sider for the 1,000 culness that morning, was nearly favourite before lunch was taken.

Bad luck in running pre-vented Rose Bowl justifying that

support at Newmarket with Piggott twice denied a clear run riggon twice denied a cicar run at vital stages. Nonetheless, Rose Bowl finished fourth, beaten little more than a length, to Nocturnal Spree in a blanket finish where two lengths covered the first six home.

Rose Bowl went on in prove

Rose Bowl went on to prove herself a filly of the highest class by winning the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes in successive years and the 1975 Champion Stakes (beating Allez France).

Three years later lie De
Bourbon provided Johnson
Houghton with arguably his

Houghton with arguator instances hour in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Those were heady times but memories in the fickle world of racing are often short and this year Johnson Houghton is down to inter 35 hourses and enough he

to just 35 horses; not enough, he says, to keep his business on a sound economic footing. Last autumn, he bought five yearlings at the sales and still needs owners for them all.

"Owners for them all.
"Owners do not seem to be about like they were," Johnson Houghton says. "A year or so ago the yuppie City type was there to buy a whole horse or a leg in one. Now their horses and Porsches have had to go."

#### Struggling without Aga Khan horses

The root of his problem lies in the decision of his main patron, the Aga Khan, to move his annual compliment of 25 from annual compliment of 25 from Blewbury. Although Johnson Houghton trained some older horses for the Aga Khan last year, including the Greenham winner, Zayyani, no two-year-olds arrived and now all his horses have gone. "He never gave any reason for leaving but it certainly was not at a very good time for me," the trainer says.

Johnson Houghton feels a telling factor behind the split was that Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani, the Aga Khan's other English trainers, had both saddled classic winners for him the year the decision was made, So, he was the one who had to go when the Aga Khan decided it was politic to patronize John Oxx's Irish stable. The absence of a top owner in

turn creates its own problems. As Johnson Houghton explains: "Small owners like to see their horses actually run, however bad they are. It's harder for me percentage of winners as those refused chance to sell ap Rogers Princess heads

They tend not to run their bad

horses at all."

Johnson Houghton betteres his critical proplem is symb-tomatic of an industry which proplem is symbthe more horses you have, the better the chance of finding a

better the chance of flinding a good one.

He feels that the huge Arab investment in Flat racing is pushing out existing owners and putting off prospective new owners. "One of my major owners has told me he is not owners has told me he is not owners." prepared to try and compete with them." Johnson Houghton says. "And he is certainly not alone in this respect."

#### St Leger victories in successive years

Another valid point Johnson Houghton makes is that prize-money has not risen as steeply as the fees a trainer must charge.
He recalls agonizing in 1961
about raising his fees from £9 a
week into double figures.

The recent pay award for stable lads has also affected Johnson Houghton more than most. The majority of my staff are long-serving and therefore qualify for a full 25 per cent increase. With less horses now, it is making things very difficult."

All this seems a far cry from the haleyon days of the late Sixties when Ribocco and Ribero won successive St Legers for the stable and Habitat was champion miler, all three owned by Charles Engelhard.

But Johnson Houghton is not bitter and remains determined to re-establish Woodway as a major racing force. Realistically. he needs 70 horses, his optimum number, as he likes to know them all as individuals. His main concern is to find the formula to attract the big owners

When the Aga Khan's de-cision to leave became public knowledge, an estate agent was quickly on the line offering Johnson Houghton a huge sum for Woodway. But the oller was declined. He is not prepared to give up the golden days that



Fulke Johnson Houghton:

#### (Flat meetings in bold) Irish hope's key gallop market for Coral repeat

He showed tremendous speed throughout and, in the final, readily out-paced Rossa Rock on the opening run, out-pointed his rival thereafter, and registered an easy victory over a short

Sam The Man is trained and part-owned by Andrey Hall of Yorkshire, whose family has a long association both with coursing and horse racing.

other.

Provide misses the Hursley

At the South Cornwall, not

even Gathabawn in the ladies

this year's corresponding meeting through the medium of the ing inrough the medium of the adjacent race at the Beaufort.
Dromin Joker would have been a big stumbling block here but David Naylor-Leyland is At the first meeting in the south-east, the Mid Surrey Farmers, last week's Army open winners, Lockner Lad and waiting instead for the Duke of Gloucester Memorial Hunter

> Today's meetings Bicaster with Wheeldon Chase, Mollington, 5m N of Barbury (Brst race, 12.0).
> Caushridge University, Cottenham, 5m NE of Cambridge (12.30). Dute of Beensfort's, Didmarton, 6m SW of Tetbury (12.30). Hursiev Hentbledon, Bedbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford (12.30). Mid Surrey Fermens, Charing, 5m ME of Ashitord (12.30). Seath Cornerall, Great Trethew, 3m SE of Usicard (1.0). South Durham, Great Station, 3m SW of Sequelled (12.0). West Shropshire, Weston Park, 6m E of Tollord (12.30). Rose Harders, Gamons, 7m W of Hereford (1.30).

# sibly in the line-up, this repre-sents, on paper, the best ladies' race for years. My vote just goes to Helen Vergette on the

On a point-to-point course Dashalong would be a confident choice against the opposition he faces in the Charlie Knipe Hunters Chase at Hereford (4.45) but he leaves little room to spare at his fences and was found out at Cheltenham on his course last season (Brian Beel

Although the Hereford obstacks are not as stiff, I am not yet prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt and look (4.0).

The South Durham, who will be Fakenham hunter chase winner, Carls Choice is also entered for the men's open, which could see the re-appearance of the benefit from the misfortune of the loss of the Tymedale, off due 1988 Liverpool Foxhunters'

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

winner, Newnham. The West Shropshire are to course, Nigel Tutty just got be congratulated on continuing Ingleby Star home in a maiden with their adjacent hunt race as a novice event for horses that have not won more than three races. Although only 33 entries were received, it has been split. Cute Ryme has Adamore to beat in the first of these while Fibreguide Tech may just have the edge over Ahalin in the

Hambledon to run in a novice chase at Newbury as a final preparation for the four-mile National Hunt Chase at

In his absence, Senator Of Rome, ridden by his trainer, Seamus Mullins, looks to be the pick in the second division of the open with Lavantage Lad a confident choice for the first.

looks likely to stop For A Lark winning his thirteenth race in succession but it will be a closely-contested men's open with Philip Scholfield hoping to atone on Golden Link.

Namoos, could meet. They are preferred in that order.

A triple winner already this eason, Roscoe Boy, and stable companion Sweet Diana, who has not yet had an outing this term, are among a distinguished cast for the RMC qualifier at the Cambridge University.
With Perroquet, Carls Choice, Summons and Skygrange pos-

#### **Rectory Boy gets vote** elsewhere to Light General and

Rectory Boy.
Charlie Farrell is riding with supreme confidence at the moment but Light General, while looking sure to be in the frame, may not be quite good enough to win. He is sure to start at a shorter price than the 1989 triple point-to-point winner, only run on an National Hunt Rectory Boy, who narrowly gets

the vote.

Golden Casine should justify short odds at Market Rasen

#### Ingleby Star should Waterloo Cup triumph for shine on new track Sam The Man

Coursing by Graham Rock

Sam The Man became one of the few puppies to win the Waterloo Cup when beating Rossa Rock in the final at Aitear, Lancashire,

Linton Highflyer, handled by Jackie McGinty, who trains at Hull greyhound stadium, beat Fine Sensation in the Waterloo Plate, while the Waterloo Purse went to Majella's Bimbo, who

in the on-going saga of the champion Irish steeplechaser, Leopardstown and subsequently

Carvill's Hill, and his prospec-tive participation in the Tote Chetrenham Gold Cup. Cheitennam Gold Cup.

His trainer, Jim Dreaper, said
yesterday: "I will bring him to
Fairyhouse to be schooled after
racing on Wednesday but, while I would prefer to put him over jumps, I would only do so if the ground is soft enough. If I don't get the conditions he needs he

Other news concerning Fairyhouse yesterday was that Pierce Duggan, appointed just a year ago as manager, has handed in his resignation. He had been approached for his proven skills as a fund-raiser but the course continues to face mounting financial problems. Dreaper could win the In£10,000 Irish Life Assurance Nas Na Ri

will be galloped instead on the

Flat track.

Punters will certainly find it Hand. hard to sort out the conflicting claims of Derrymore Boy and

When they met in the Diners Club 40th Anniversary Chase at Punchestown last Saturday, Welcome Pin started favourite 5-4 but finished fifth to Derrymore Boy, beaten a total

of 23 lengths. By coincidence, on their previous encounter at Fairyhouse last month, Welcome Pin had been the winner and Derrymore Boy that day finished fifth, exactly 23 lengths behind his rival. If Derrymore Boy jumps as well as he did last week it should give him the advantage this time

Yet another intriguing possibility in this chase is Kiichi, who sustained a minor

hampered when going well three fences out in the Arkle Cup at Leopardstown but who is expected to improve considerably on his first attempt over fences when third to On The Other

> Kiichi is owned by the Racing Board chairman, Dr Michael Smurfit, who on the morning of the last completed Leopardstown meeting purchased General Idea and proceeded to land a big gamble on the Flat later in the day.

Directly after that, his trainer Dermot Weld nominated him an intended runner for the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham. He had been declared to run at Leopardstown on Wednesday but that meeting was abandoned after one race only and now General Idea finds himself redirected to a more competitive Ir£10,000 Irish Life Assurance Johnstown Hurdie. Off bottom weight, General Idea would surely have to win

here to have any serious chance of Cheltenham success.

Rogers Princess, runaway win-ner of the 1989 Coral Golden Hurdle final, has been installed 10-1 favourite by the sponsors to gain a repeat victory on Wednesday week. The Martin Tate-trained

mare, backed from 20-1 ante-

post to 8-1 joint-favourite before last year's race, has been allotted 11st 21b, 16lb more than she carried 12 months ago.

Rogers Princess showed her well-being when a creditable fifth to Old Dundalk in the listed Rendlesham Hurdle at Kempton last Saturday, having won a minor conditions race at

Warwick previously.
Wonderine (10st 91b), who completed an early-season fourtimer for Martin Pipe, is 14-1 second favourite with stable companion Parlezvousfrançais (10st 4lb) among the 20-1 chances. Liadett (11st 9lb), Pipe's only other entry, is milikely to run.
Jimmy Fitzgerald, who
landed a gamble in the Coral
final seven years ago with

Forgive'N Forget, is likely to be represented by Sip Of Orange (10st 7lb), a 25-1 shot. Stable companion Rapier

Thrust (11st 8lb), an eye-catching fourth to Invasion on his reappearance at Nottingham three weeks ago, is likely to miss the race and go instead for the Mildmay of Flete over fences the same afternoon.

Rawhide (10st 8lb), trained by Mouse Morris, is likely to lead the Ireland's challenge for the only Cheltenham race the Irish have yet to win, Mick O'Toole's Fourth Of July misses the race. Other interesting contenders

among the 20-1 chances are Barney Curley's The Papparazzi (10 stone) and Auction Law (11st 10lb), for whom David Barons has already secured the services of Hywel Davies.

LEADRIG PRICES: 10-1 Rogers Princes, 14-1 Wonderine, 20-1 Alphasonic, Arctic Teal, Auction Law, Farmy Dillon, Invesion, Pariszyousfrancais, Carness, Rewhide, Strong Gold, The Papparezzi, Sadiner, Sketcher, 25-1 bar.

#### **Ambitious Pitman returns to** fray with fine crop of rides

It's a hard act to follow a

successful father in any public profession, but Mark Pitman is profession, but Mark Pitman is doing so in some style.

The confident 23-year-old som of Fred Winter's former stable jockey, Richard Pitman, is only two winners away from his season's best total of 40, and has a crop of good rides to look forward to at the Cheltenham factively in 10 days' time. festival in 10 days' time. Pitman has been laid off with

Pitman has been laid off with a back lajury sustained when Royal Athlete was brought down at Kempton last Friday. However, after intensive physiotherapy, he returns to action at Newbury today, riding Strong Gold, Ivors Guest and Wonder Man for his mether Jepper. Man for his mother, Jenny.

He is particularly sweet on
Wonder Man's chance in the Wonder Walls Cannot in the Eastleigh Handleap Hurdle. "He is a very good horse and will take all the beating," Pitman predicts.

Looking ahead to Chelten-

Looking abend to Chelten-ham, Pitman has the prospect of at least eight good rides, includ-ing Don Valentino in the Cham-pion Hardle. Bearing in mind the way his mother's yard has been firing in recent weeks, he is understandably bullish about his prospects at the Festival. He is particularly enthusiastic about Toby Tobias, currently 8-1 third favourite for the Gold Cup, despite Desert Orchid's performance at Kempton last Saturday, which brought the Hendill by a short head in the



Newbury after injury grey horse down to even money with most bookmakers. "Desert Orchid ran brilliantly

"Desert Orchid ran brilliantly at Kempton, but he always goes well there and I don't think he likes Cheltenham very much. He's not getting any younger either. I think that if the ground comes up soft Toby Tobias will have every chance."

If Toby Tobias does come up the Cheltenham hill in front on Thursday week. Mork Pitmen Thursday week, Mark Pitman will have realised one of his greatest ambitions, the understandable arge to better his father's arbitrary articles. agouising defeat when Red Rum wore down Crisp on the run-in of the Grand National. It was the closest Richard Pitman came to lory in either event and Mark has time on his side to go one "I would love to surpass my

father's achievements. He had 68 winners in his best season, and last year I had 40. This year, I'm aiming for 50."

Does be feel additional pressure, riding for his mother and being the son of a former top

"Not particularly. Keeping the weight down is never easy, and a week off doesn't help matters, but it's part and parcel of the game. I can only do my best, and keep the mistakes to a minimum."

With his mother's yard in its current form, Mark Pitman has every reason to look forward to Cheltenham week with un-disguised enthusiasm. Davis operation

Jockey Rikki Davis has been Jointy Kirkii Davis has been detained in Worcester Royal Infirmary after his fall from Monastic Calm in the Clee Hill Novices' Hardle at Ludlow on Thursday. His mother, Mrs. Wendy Davis said yesterday: "Rikki has a fractured cheek and an era triest. We will have and an eye injury. He will have an operation later today."

#### Newbury Going: good (good to soft back straight)

Geing: good (good to soft back straight)
2.0 (2m 160yd ch) 1, GO WEST (3
McCourt, 5-4 tayl; 2, Highefre (R Beggen,
10-1): 3, The Petrusy Lark (M Bowlby, 12-1). ALSO RAN's Devils Elbow (f), Massiar
Cornedy (8th), Wishine Yeoman (6th), 12
Plastic Spaceage (F), 16 Lumley Laike (f),
20 Min'nr (4th), 25 Deemess Spook (pu),
33 Never Learn, Palmeraton Soy, 12 ran.
8, 44, 22, 52, 44. M Ploe at Welfington. Tota:
£1.90; £1.30, £3.20, £3.20. DF: £17.10.
CSF: £14.50.
2.30 (2m 100yd hole) 1, QUESTION OF
DEGREE (G McCourt, 8-1 tayl; 2, See
Buck (5 Hodgeon, 5-1); 3, Badristiensi (J
White, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Robbie Burns,
Laxden (8th), 25 Neefas. 8 ran. Sh hd,
hd, 5, 254, 121. N Tinder at Malhon, Tota:
£3.40; £1.70, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £11.80.
CSF: £18.05. Tricest: £57.21.
2.6 (2m 160yd ch), 1, INNOCKERACK (B

3.9 (2m 160yd ch) 1, KNOCKBRACK (8 Powait, 9-1); 2. Bir Kay (M Bowtzy, 11-10 fay); 3. Bendictus (6 Moore, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 15-9 Vodkatini (4th), 4 ran. 2%1, 1%1, 121. G Hann at Aurainator. Tota: 27.10, DP: 25.00. CSP: 217.91. ES.D. CSF: £17.91.

3.30 (3 120yd holle) 1, SIGETCHIER (R Greens, 8-1); 2, Missens Guest () Bryen, 11-2; 3, The Shieser (P Verlang, 35-1), ALSO HAN: 4 fav Fanny Dibon, 8 Mister Soot (pul), 9 Sensella Bobless, Baciltar (8th), Popeswood, Clima (4th), 11 General Chryson (5th), 16 Predominate (pul), Basket Weeve, 20 Cool Sun (pul), 33 Incle Pulsa, 66 Friendly Henry, 15 ran. 10; 41, 41, 51, D Barone at Kingsbridge, Toise. 23.70; 12.80, £2.80, £13.80. Dif: £47.50. GSF: £30.91. Tricest: £1.283.48.

4.0 (3m ch) 1, DROBRORE CASTLE (Mr N Ridout, 9-2); 2, Redden Brook (Mr P MacCwan, 9-4 p-fav); 3, Mrs Gliddy (Mes L Backdor, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 9-4 p-fav isand Over (f), 10 More Action (4th), 16 Ronalds Carole (5th), 20 Final Presence (pu), What's Yours (pu), Bonnie Belle (pu), 33 Calder Bridge (f), Joro (pu), 11 ran. 61 114, 301, 34, R Weley-Cohen at Senbury, Tota: 25.00; 21.90, 21.50, 23.90, DF: 27.70, CSF: 214.82, After a stewards inquiry the result stood.

4.30 (2m 4f 120yd hdle) 1, TUG OF 4.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, REFLE RANGE (G GOLD (R Durwoody, 20-1); 2, Lychoole 4Bradley, 30-100 fav; Private Handkopper (P Niven, 10-11 fav; 3, My Piot (J Frost, Sparia top rating); 2, What A Wally (J

33-1); 4, Into The Red (R Bellamy, 33-1).
ALSO RAR: 15-2 Mighty Palcon, 9 Pat
Cullen (pu), 10 Anweil (pu), 14 Anatos (f),
16 Betrim, Nicknevar, 20 Ard TMatch
(5th), Stephens Pet (pu), Senegales (6th),
25 Reach Me Down, General Tinker,
Northern Allianca, 33 Virklian, Buck And
Stip (pu), Country Diary (pu), 19 ran. NRTiber River, Decke. 11, 10t, 51, nk, 10t, D
Nicholson at Stow-on-the Woold, Tote:
219.80; 24.30, 21.10, 27.10, 23.80, DF;
222.80. CSF: 241.24, Tricest: 2881,37.
Jackpott not wor. (Pool of 28.72) certified. Jackpot: not won. (Pool of E8,737 carried forward to Newbury today).

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Placepot: £153,70. Haydock Park Going: heavy (middle flight on fer side omitted)

contited)

2.15 (2m hole) 1, BITTER BUCK (P SCUGARIORE, 4-6 tav: Mendaris's map); 2, Jacesu (H Davies, 12-1); 3, Re-Release (J Lower, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 20 Fighting Gorytus (pul. 25 Times Are Hard (Sdn), 50 Camden Knight (Sdn), Cousin Fol (bd), 66 Natust (pul.) 100 Borear Jeán (4th), Onetsos (pul.) Princess Falcon (tell.) 11 ran. NR: Shederbo, Tilcary, True Pan. 151, 101, dist, 152, 101. C Brooks at Lambourn. Tots: 21.60; 21.10, 21.90, 21.10. DF: 25.90, CSF: 210.03. 21.10. DF: ZS.BG. CSF: £10.03.

2.45 (Sm.ch) 1. OAIGLEY HOUSE (Mr.J.W. Barlow, 9-1); 2. Ready Steedy (Mr.J. Glorestot, Evens fav); 3. Cash And Gold (Mr.G. Robertson, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 Water Wingsah (sal, remounted, pulled up). 4 mn. 22). dat. C. Ocens at Bary. Toss: 25.50. DF: 23.50. CSF: £17.17.

2.15. 2m. http://dx.dex.com/cmay/g-29.50: DF: 23.60. CSF: £17.17.

3.15 (2m hole) 1, Mar DORD CHAY (P. SCAGAMONS, 3-1); 2, Makend Set (D. Murphy, 4-7 fav); 3, Seypares (M. Dover, 7-1).

ALSO RAN: 14 Vairodian (4m), 50 Sallan (5m), 4 ran. NR: Pearl Run. 12, 11, 81, 25.

M. Pipe at Wellington. Total: £3.50; £1.30, £1.10. DF £1.80, CSF: £4.94.

3.45 (2m ch) 1, THE LEGGETT (P Scudemore, Evens tay); Astre Redisex (S Coviny, 100-30); 3, General Chandos (Nr J Brachuras, 3-1). ALSO RAN; 12 Mester Vince ( tel). 4 mm, 154, 30t. M Pipe at Wellington, Tota: £1.90. DF; 22.80. CSF; 24.13.

Railton, 10-1): 3. Rain Mark (Mr S Brookshaw, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 After Four (4th), 25 Pink Panther (pu), 5 ran. NT Anthony Hall. 202, 203, 12. T Tate at Tadosster. Toke: £1.30; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.03. EL2 4.45 (2m 4f hdie) 1, BiG WHITE CHIEF (T Wall, 11-2); 2, Brosspton Road (C Dannis, 7-1); 3, One For The Pot (f Liswance, 6-4 tay), ALSO RAN: 6 James Hy Boy (reil), 13-2 Tramshion (bin), 8 True Spansan, 14 Somebody, 15 Whisting Tipe

My Boy (fell), 13-2 Temminon (8m), 8 True Spartan, 14 Somebody, 15 Whisting Tiger (5th), 20 Tewit Castle, 25 Gunner Mac (4th), 86 Ch Dear (pu), 100 Snappt, 12 ran, Gurteen Boy, ½1, 1½1, 41, 251, 2½1, B McMahon at Tamworth, Toe: 26,00; \$1,80, £2,40, £1,70, DF: £15,30, CSF: \$41,01, Tricast: £102,14, Pleospot: £58,80.

Southwell

Going: standard
2-10 (2m & hde) 1, Aberoy (J Ryan, 4-5
fav); 2, Kelys Pai (6-1); 3, Prince Cento (8-1); 6 ran, Nf: Sir Dubel, 151, 101. M Ryan,
10ts: 21,70; 21,10, 21,80. DF: 26,40, CSF:
27,17.
2.40 (2m 44 hde) 1, Special Settlement
(D Durne, 10-1); 2, Italian Tour (100-30);
3, Oympus Reef (11-4 fav), 9 ran, 9 ran,
5, 81. R Allen, Tour: \$13,80; 22,90, (53,00,
£1,30, DF: £27,90, CSF: £40,87. Tricest
£105,58,
3.10 (2m 40) 1, Catch The Cross (6) 2105.78, 3.19 (2m 4) 1, Catch The Cross (5 Smith Eccles, 10-11 fav), 2, Rubydora (4-1), 3, Golden Image (5-1), 5 ren. 5, 9, Mrs D Haine, Tote: 51,60; 51,10, 21,60, 22,60. DP: £3.10, CSF: £3.26. 3.40 (2m 2) hole) 1, San Prenciaco Joe (8 Hazzel, 5-2 tav); 2, Storm Warrior (11-4); 3, General Silvy (5-1), 7 ran, NFC Yanbu, 122, 2%1, A Denson, Total 23, 55, 21.0, 21.10, DF; 24.20, CSF; 28.98. Tricast 224.78, 4.16 (2m hdle) 1, The Lighter Side (4 Judies, 1-2 fev); 2, Couenn (8-1); 3, Sonaho 5-1), 5 ran, 5t, 194, 8 Presch. Tone; 21.50; 21.10, 22.40, DF; 27.00, CSF, £4.74.

4.40 (2m fau) 1. Flowing River (J Calla-gium, 7-4 fav): 2. Halborough (12-11: 3. Smitris Cracker (3-4), 8 ran. NR: Pool Abroad, 71. %1. R. Alam. Tolar. (2-91: £1.10. £4.40, £1.50. DF: £59.60, GSF. £21.45. epot 22.20

## Bishops Yarn to relish conditions

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

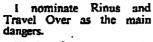
Bishops Yara is my selection to win the Greenall Whitley Gold Cup at Haydock Park. From what we have seen, the Toby Balding-trained 11-year-old is in his element contesting this sort of race on heavy ground at the Lan-cashire track.

The conditions underfoot were similar last year when he won the Peter Marsh Handicap over today's trip.

When he attempted to win the same race again in January, Bishops Yarn was beaten half a length by Nick The

But for a stumble on landing over the last fence, which caused him to lose his impetus, he might well have won. As it was, he still did well since horse who has subsequently won the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup in Ireland.

Going: heavy



The handicapper appears to have given Rinus an excellent chance of beating The Thinker judged on their run there behind Baies in December, while Travel Over will appreciate racing over today's dis-tance again after blatantly failing to last 3½ miles at Wolverhampton 12 days ago.

To coincide with the Timeform Chase, the sponsors have just published their annual review of the most recent Flat season - Race Horses of

As it lives up to the enormously high standard set long ago by the late Phil Bull, readers will get excellent value for the £59 that it costs: far better value than by backing for the final of the Tattersalis my selection Blazing Walker Mares Only final, was beaten he was trying to give 5lb to the if he jumps as badly as he did at Ayr last time.

HAYDOCK PARK

character with the rest of his obviously far from disgraced.



Martin Pipe: looks set for flurry of winners

record this season, I'm happy to give him the chance to

Dalkey Sound, my selection Mares Only final, was beaten 2½ lengths last time out by Radical Lady. As the latter has But as that was so out of won twice since, she was

better terms. Vestris Abu, Jim Bolger's Irish challenger for the Victor Ludorum Hurdle, should only have to run up to his recent Leopardstown form with Bank View to cope with his four rivals on these terms.

At Newbury, I like the look of Ghefar's chance of winning the Geoffrey Gilbey Memorial Handican Chase even though the distance is well short of that over which he won the Hennessey Gold Cup in November. It would be wrong to lose

in the autumn. After a rest, his most recent

race over hurdles should have

2.0 GREENALL WHITLEY GOLD CUP (Handicap chase: listed race:

BETTINC: 11-4 Bishops Yarn, 3-1 Bucko, 4-1 Willsford, 5-1 Travel Over, 9-1 Pirus, 10-1 The Thinker, 14-ighway Express, 16-1 others. 1989: ETON ROUGE 16-10-1 J Bryan (11-2) Mrs M Rimell 4 ran

FORM FOCUS THE THINKER, 1987 | BUCKD showed good form to beat Run And Sido 3! at Chaltanham (Jim 11, good); least 59% 6th to Fu's Lady at Newhoury (Jim 41, heavy), WILLSFORD completed a double with a 1! defeat of Norton's Coin at times start with RRNIS (17th better off) 4! 37d. BISH-OPS YARN beat Midnight Court 3! here (Jim 42, heavy) and tolkowed up with a 3! 2nd to Tenesaint at Leicester (Sn., soft). TRAVEL OVER 11! 4th of 10 Against The Grain at Wolverhampton (Jim 41, good to soft). Selection: RINUS.

2.30 VICTOR LUDORUM HURDLE RACE (Listed race: 4-Y-O: £5,141: 2m) (5 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Vestris Abu, 5-2 Cartisdale, 7-2 Native Friend, 5-1 Ninja, 14-1 Hiram & Bindbath. 1989: LIADETT 4-11-10 J Lower (7-4) M Pipe 7 ran

1989: KARBARTAYLAR 4-11-0 J Lower (5-5 fav) M Pipe 6 ran

BETTING: 8-11 The Anteriex, 15-6 Fuego Boy, 12-1 Rare Bid, 14-1 Stari's Folly, Tabelina. 1989: NOS NA GAOTHE 6-11-11 L Wyer (8-13 fev) M H Easterby 5 ran

HOS NATIONAL MUNT FLAT (22,150: 2m) (20 runners)
CARLY BRRIN (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-10
CREENA'S (AD (6 Cart) D McCain 5-11-10
HERON'S SAM (6 Crompton) E Alston 5-11-10
0 HBIDERENDS 47 (J Messures) P Fetgate 5-11-10
4 ONE FOR THE MORTH 10 (M Hagges) James Pizoparaid 5-11-10
20 OVER THE STYX 8 (Mrs C Shaw) G Richards 5-11-10
PAMEVA (Mrs E Elie) J Edwards 5-11-10
0 PYRO FEINANT 25 (C Barry Industrial Ltd) D Winds 5-11-10
TAGED (Mrs C Alam) D Murray Smith 5-11-10
THE LAST BUT ONE (D Winds) D Winds 5-11-10
TRUBUION (T Hemmings) S Melior 5-11-10
WREICH WARRIOR (W Sirkar) B Precos 5-11-10
BLACK ROCK (J Owen) E Owen 5-11-5

KIELYCROFT (M Klely) N Bycroft 4-11-2 6 MRSTER HALF-CHANCE 25 (C Smith) D Eleverth 4-11-2 CASHEL QUEEN (Miss J Enton) Miss J Enton 4-10-11 DRIVER (D Hall) M Brown 4-10-11

SETTING: 5-2 Flakey Dove, 7-2 Supreme tesue, 8-1 Over The Styx, 8-1 Trubtion, Mister Half-Chan 1 One For The North, 14-1 Paneva.

1989: HEY COTTAGE 4-10-9 Mr D McCain 14-1 (D McCain) 14ran

2.15 GEOFFREY GILBEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (28,656: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

3.0 CELLAR 5 NOVICES HURDLE (£3,418; 2m 4f) (9 runners)

9.30 MAD HATTER NOVICES CHASE (25,247: 2m) (5 runners)

4.0 PETROS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (\$2,150: 2m) (20 runners)

dicap: Travel Over 9-13, Harley 9-7, Mos Greens 8-8, Brownthill Lass 7-13, Season's Ahead 5-

£21,120: 3m) (11 runners)

Furthermore, she will now be than Vault to win the meeting Radical Lady on 11lb Highclere Novices Hurdle. A pretty decent horse on the Flat when trained by Luca Cumani, Vault performed with eye-catching promise in his only race so far over hurdles, at Wincanton where

he finished fourth. While conceding that Dark Desire, Fair Prospect, Ivors Guest and Man For All Seasons all boast better form on paper, I still believe that it will prove worthwhile going along with Vault. Earlier in the programme,

his stable companion The Milroy, who is a half-brother to that top class but tragically sight of the fact that Ghofar ill-fated jumper Ten Plus, will was beaten only 1½ lengths by begin his chasing career Man O' Magic in a valuable contesting the Philip Cornes race over today's trip at Ascot Nickle Alloys Novices Chase. In my view, he will excel if he beats Comandante.

As far as the Philip Cornes been a morale-boosting warm- Saddle Of Gold Hurdle is concerned, I like none more As far as the day's best bet is than the course and distance concerned, none appeals more winner Minnehousa.

Mr D McCain (7)

D Gefegter W Deen (7) Mr R Hele (7)

P Verting (3)
P McDennott (7)
P Besserd (5)

G Lenden

Her D Townsend 81

Her D Coastello (5) 94

S Wright 8

M Lynch 97
..... M Bowley © 99
.... D Gallagher 96
..... K Mostay ....

..... Mr G Upton (3) ---. ...... I Shoemerk (5) ---

#### By Mandarin

Selections

2.15 Olnistar, 2.45 Kildimo, 3.15 Famous Lad. 3.45 Mole Board. 4.15 Walk Of Life. 4.45 Toffee Apple. 5.15 Harry Lime. Brain Beel's selection: 4.45 Rectory Boy.

HEREFORD

2.15 ST DAVED'S NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m)

2723 OLMSTAR 31 (BF.D.S) D Nicholson 11-0 R Sellimay (5)
2 60 BARON TWO SPICES S N Gassian 10-12 A Admins
3 CELTIC CASTLE 9 (8) J Roberts 10-12 W KNAL
4 00 CHELWORTH RADIOR 22 J Sporing 10-12 A Wabb
6 PPD FLEET SPINIT 31 E Wheeler 10-12 Gandy Merris
7 JURIO LINE Miss H Kright 10-12 B Beginn
6 LANDSKER OATS 16 Mrs A Parish 10-7 J Ladder (8)
6 MONSHIE OATS 16 Mrs A Parish 10-7 J Ladder (9)
6 MONSHIE OATS 16 Mrs A Parish 10-7 J D Charales (7)
7 THE CREY WAY OUT M Eckley 10-7 D OCHARAISE (7)

4-5 Oinister, 4-1 Young Line, 5-1 Earon Two Shoes, 10-1 Collic Cestle, Cheworth Raider, 14-1 others.

2.45 NEWENT CHASE (23.265: 2m 3f) (6) 5 FJ-F KLONIO 9 (F.G.S) G Belding 10-10-10---

8-11 Kildimo, 2-1 Fu's Lady, 8-1 Ruessione, 12-1 Gien George, 18-1 Duhataw Boy, 33-1 Mossal Boy. 3.15 DENCO NOVICES CHASE (£2,721: 2m) (16) 4 P122 RANDOM ROMANCE 16 (0,5) D Nationica 7-11-6 5 0006 GARDA'S GOLD 25 (8) R Dickin 7-11-4. M Jones (8) 6 4025 (NOCCOURSEMM SS J Uppon 7-11-4. M Jones (8) 7 000P LITTLEGOOD GAMBLER 9 (8) T Greened 7-11-4. P Harley (7) 8 9534 MEDINGHT RUN 11 (0) R Dickin 11-11-4. W Wilson 10 -496 OWEN 46 (5) 8 Grant 5-11-4. W Wilson 11 -950 OWEN 46 (5) 8 Grant 5-11-4. S Michiel 11 PSU PRINCE BOLD 7 (8,5) Miss S Wilson 7-11-4.

12 F-8 ROMERNOF 18 (S) T Domnsty 9-11-4 13 5577 SCHOOLS BETTINGET TO MISS SCHOOL STITLE STI

3.45 FRED RIMELL HURDLE (£3,125; 2m) (3) 2 (NOT HUTAL DESIGN 14 (D.F.S) N CHINGTON 5-11-5 3 1252 GAY PERFEAN 22 (D.O.S) D Burchell 4-10-10 D J Burchell

4-5 Royal Dorbt. 5-4 Mole Board. 14-1 Gay Ruffler.

#### MARKET RASEN

Selections

By Mandarin 2.0 Smiths Venture. 2.30 Sire Nantais. 3.0 Royal Wonder. 3.30 Clever Folly. 4.0 Golden Casino. 4.30 Trefelyn Cone.

Brain Beel's selection: 4.0 Golden Casino. Going: good to soft (soft in straight)

2.0 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL LONG DISTANCE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,104: 3m) (22 runners) ## WOYICES HURDLE (£3,104: 3m) (22 runners)

1 \$301 MR BOSTON 8 (\$9 R Woodhouse 5-11-12

2 pp ABANDON HOPE 11 J Toops 8-11-7. We K Green (7)

3 2667 AGUA YERUE 12 A Reid 11-11-7. J Ryan (\$)

4 0F10 CEVA PARK 11 R Eurogises 5-11-7. C Lieuwilys

5 PP0 CREAP METAL 14 8 Crayford 5-11-7. R Felloy

6 \$3 COT LAME 42 F Yardey 5-11-7. P Wingley (7)

8 P0 EAT YOUR HAT 87 P Blockley 8-11-7. P Wingley (7)

9 0 EAT YOUR HAT 87 P Blockley 8-11-7. A Jones

10 LIFIT GRANGE OF GLORY 13 (\$7) J Helloys B-11-7 A Oriney

11 p40 MANHALTAN CHASE 25 G Richards 7-11-7 N Desplay

12 pf MARK ALZEWOOD 67 (V) R Windsher 5-11-7 S Tumor

13 01 WASTER CORNET 22 P Blockley 5-11-7. S Tumor

14 367 MERANO 14 M W Essterby 7-11-7. T Reed

16 P PINST 23 G Moore 5-11-7. B Stempt

17 -422 SWETHS YEARTURE 12 (F,3) M H Essterby 5-11-7

19 AGENTINE 12 (F,5) M H Essterby 5-11-7

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18 AGENTINE 12 (F,5) M H Essterby 5-11-7

19 AGENTINE 12 (F,5) M H Essterby 5-11-7

18 950 - CALIMATA 38 Lady Anz Bowlby 9-11-2. R Gentity (5)
19 9 MOUNT WOOD 19 H Collegridge 7-11-2.
20 P042 NOBLE SCANP 67 J Partos 5-11-2. R Count.
21 /62 GUEEN'S DARLING 55 (6) (BF/B) Jimmy Pizgerald
22 2150 RUSTING 35 (0) A Robson 4-11-2. N Smith (7) 2-1 Smiths Venture, 3-1 Mereno, 4-1 Queen's Derling, 6-1 Mr Boston, 8-1 Rustino, 10-1 Grange Of Glory, 12-1 others.

2.30 A F BUDGE NOVICES CHASE (£3,444: 2m 5f) 

D Dyme 6 /R2- FOXEPS CASTLE 535 (G) A Reld 10-11-8 ... J Ryan (8) 7 129- GLASS MCENTAIN 443 (F,S) G Moore 8-11-8 

10 00 MELWAY BOY 28 J Twicel 9-11-8 A Chinary
11 5496 WOLVER DAN 21 J Leigh 8-11-8 S J O'Nell
12 4400 WISCONSN 14 FF M Cheptern 8-11-3 R Supple
13 op GOOD NORROW JACK & L Codd 5-11-0 R Fathery
14 3450 TADBR 21 M Chapter 5-11-0 W Worthington
2-5 Sire Nartais, 4-1 Dual Vecture, 12-1 Glass Mountain,
18-1 Lough Road, Danish Chief, 25-1 others.

Trainers' preferences

The following is a list of trainers' preferred engagements for horses doubly declared today: Dalkey Sound (1.0 Haydock), Fit For Firing (1.0 Haydock), Random Romance (1.0 Haydock), Formula One (1.30 Haydock), Native Friend (2.30 Haydock), Mole Board (3.45 Hereford), Hiram B Birdbath (2.30 Haydock).

1 1133 WALK OF LIFE 70 (SFALF) M Pige 5-12-0

4.15 MARCH NOVICES SELLING HURDLE

(£1,758: 2m 3f) (15)

7 P NABL 42 C Horgan 9-11-5 R Beggar 9 Poto SHANNON PRINCE 73 A James 8-11-5 E Thereby (7) 10 P TENOPLIS 94 J Thomas 5-11-5 E Thereby (7) 11 0-D CTNTHAN MAY 18 (B) P Burgoyne 5-11-0 D Tegg 12 0422 L'AQUINO 33 M Jarvis 5-11-0 S Keightley 12 0422 L'AQUINO 33 M Jarvis 5-11-0 Ann Scolett (7) 

12 Welk Of Life, 7-2 L'Acpino, 12-1 Nebil, Queen's Bishop, 14-1 Criep Note, 20-1 others. 4.45 CHARLIE KNIPE MARDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,892: 3m 1f) (11) 

S- SPARTAN LEMON 281 D Lieuwiin 7-11-9. D Jeans (7) 5- SPARTAN LERON 251 D Lowesto 7-31-9. D Joses (7)
9-4 Toftee Apple, 5-2 Wasty Wreten, 4-1 Light General, 8-1
Spartan Lerron, 10-1 Magic Island, 12-1 others.
5.15 CHELTENHAM AND THREE COUNTIES
RACE CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP HUROLE (2.320: 2m) (17)

320: 2m) (17)

1 FS-1 HARRY LIME 39 (D,S) M FIDE 5-11-12... P Scandamore
2 1000 SAKR 12 (D,F) Mrs J Womacott 6-11-11 Musk Williams
3 3945 TARKOVSKY 14 (D,S) R Lee 5-11-0..... R Greene (7)
4 9021 MOTTRAP'S GOLD 16 (D,S) R Dicket 5-10-8
D Mercelle (7) 4 8021 MOTTHAMPS GOLD 18 (2,5) H DICKIT 5-10-6

Differentials (7)

10 ALTO CAMBLUS 25 N Genetic 8-10-6

A Admin 6 6-36 FREE JUSTICE 16 (8F) A J WINSO 6-10-1

A Webb 7 00-6 PARTY BOY 15 P Hobbs 7-10-0

8 40-5 PARTY BOY 15 P Hobbs 7-10-0

8 40-5 PARTY BOY 15 P Hobbs 7-10-0

9 5200 SMOOTH START 12 (3 Lores 5-10-0 E Tierney (7)

10 -685 LEZAL CONI 45 K White 8-10-0

11 4930 ANGOTHS BAT 14 R PROS 6-10-0

12 0085 MRSS FERN 9 R Dickin 5-10-0

13 6086 LORD KILGAYLE 61 A Chamberlain 6-10-0

14 6032 BOLD CALET 18 C Lackson 5-10-0

15 0900 MINSTER TICKLE 21 R Dickin 5-10-0

N BROGERS CHOICE 872 T Dornally 8-10-0 J H Burley (7)

7 OW STOCKES CHOICE 872 T Dornally 8-10-0 J H Burley (7)

8-1 Herry Lims. 4-1 Tartonadov. 5-1 Free Lastice. 7-1 Salor.

2-1 Henry Lime, 4-1 Terkovsky, 5-1 Free Justice, 7-1 Salar, Mottram's Gold, Perty Boy, 10-1 Algorial Bay, 12-1 others. Course specialists

TRANSERS: M Pipe, 34 winners from 117 runners, 29.1%; D Nicholson, 13 from 52, 25.0%; J Edwards, 15 from 65, 22.7%; G Balding, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Mrs S Oliver, 7 from 34, 20.8%; D Burchell, 7 from 36, 19.4%. JOCKEYS: P Scudenore, 28 from 115, 24.3%; D Tegg, 8 winners from 49 rides, 20,0%; R Beggan, 10 from 50, 20,0%; K Burke, 3 from 16, 18.5%; S Earle, 9 from 50, 18.0%; J Lodder, 4 from 25, 18.0%;

3.0 NEWARK STORAGE SUVENILE HURDLE 1 11 MELLENCE PRINCE 31 (D) J Peuros 11-3 J McLaughin 2 1119 LEICH BOY 22 (D.G.S) & Moors 11-3. J Callaghan (S) 3 1211 MATIVE FRIEND 119 (D.F.G) Jammy Fitzponal 4 0021 MIRAME B INMIDIATH 19 (B.D) J Glover 11-0. 2nd prof 5 4162 MCN PERMANENT 15 (D.G) P BOOMY 11-0. 2nd prof 6 1114 ROYAL WONDER 70 (B.D.BF,F.G) M Pipe 10-12 J LOWER 7 22 BESCASY BOY 14 J Wherton 10-10 S J O'Neil LIGHT DANCER 125F L Codd 10-10 S J O'Neil LIGHT DANCER 125F L Codd 10-10 S Tenser 9 50 BELITARY BLAZE 3 J Parkes 10-10 N Swith (7) 10 P RIGHT ON CIE 7 M Chapmen 10-10 W Wordingson 11 303 ROYAL ESTRIATE 14 M W Essterby 10-10 M Beverters 20 TENTER CLOSE 19 (B) K Ryen 10-10 R Felloy 13 TMCE AS VAGUE 131F N Tricky 10-10 R Felloy 14 GP9 WORLDSPORTHLYER 5 M Chapmen 10-10. R Repley 15 P ENERGIA 14 P Blockey 10-5 R Septile 15 P ENERGIA 14 P Blockey 10-5 R Repley 14-5 Royal Wonder, 7-2 Helienic Prince, 8-1 Leigh Boy, 8-1 Royal Britansia, 12-1 Bescaby Boy, 14-7 others.

3.30 COLIN'G R BOOTH TRANSPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,435: 2m 5f) (6) 1 2111 CLEVER FOLLY 84 (F.S) G Richards 10-12-0 N Doughty 2 F115 IBN NAJED 40 (CD,BF,F,Q,S) Jimmy Fiz Gorald 8-10-10

3 4222 COOL STRIKE 21 (BF,CLS) 6 Moore 9-10-4 4 1U04 FW0EST 21 (C.G.S.) P Evens 7-10-0 T Well 5 2413 SUBBROOKE PARK 7 (S) J Partes 12-10-0 M Samh (7) 6 4404 EASTERN PLAYER 15 (F,G,S) Miss G Ress 7-10-0 W Warbington

5-4 Clever Folly, 5-2 for Majed, 7-2 Cool Scrike, 12-1 Fingest, 16-1 Sudbrooke Park, 20-1 Eastern Player. 4.0 BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,302: 3m) (7)

4-5 Golden Casino, 7-2 Deep Prospect, 5-1 Stave Time, 8-1 Soprineta, 10-1 Wages Of Sin, 12-1 others. 4.30 BARTON NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,215: 2m 4f)

8 6-0 STAGS PELL 29 G Moore 5-11-4.... 4-5 Tretelyn Cone, 7-2 Arctic Skylight, 8-1 Smooth Escort, 10-1 Cool Trade, 12-1 Foxy Boy, 14-1 Grey Cloud, 16-1 others.

Course specialists TRAINERS: M Pipe, 16 witness from 47 numers, 34.0%; G Richards, 18 from 68, 27.3%; M II Essterby, 21 from 90, 23.3%; Mirrary Firsperald, 38 from 164, 23.2%; N Tinkler, 10 from 45, 22.2%; J Glover, 7 from 33, 21.2%. JOCKEYS: J Lower, 4 winners from 13 rides, 30.8%; Air S Swiers, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D Byrne, 9 from 40, 22.5%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 29, 20.7%; N Doughty, 7 from 34, 20.6%; M Hill, 4 from 29, 13.8%.

3.40 BEESTHORPE MAIDEN STAKES (22.280: 7f)

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1 ,000- J-TEC BOY 24J | Sample 4-9-0 N Cartiste 6
2 6000 NIGHT CLUS 28 J Smith 6-9-0 J Williams 5
3 0-0-1 NOBLE SON 61 (7) M Neughton 4-9-0 A Manner (3) 10
4 0300 PRESAGE 9 J Leich 4-9-0 Deat McKecter 7
6 2455 SUPPLEME BLUES 28 (6) M Britain 4-9-0 S Maloney (7) 2

7 5- GULSHA 184 B Herbury 4-8-8 B Rhymond 8 PRETTY IN PRIK 151 (V) D Motiest 4-8-9 J Cycles 9 00/ GUERNE COURSER SUJ J Batching 4-8-9 S Webster 10 000 SULTANS GIFT 9 (B) C Allen 4-6-9 R Motess

4.10 THURGATON HANDICAP (£2,406; 6f) (16)

1 /6-1 NUCLEON 53 (D) W C'Gorman 4-10-0... A Musero (3) 10 2 6151 BRONZE CROSS 9 (CD,G) T Barron 5-10-0 3 82-3 J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 56 (D.F.S) C Trader 5-9-10

4 -121 SOLOMON'S SONG 14 (CO.F.S) M Johnston 4-8-5

5-2 Bronzie Cross, 3-1 Bolomon's Song, 7-2 J Cheever ophole, 8-1 Crail Harbour, Small Fee, 12-1 others. 4.40 SKEGBY HANDICAP (£2,385: 1m 6f) (10)

1 1-11 TARTIQUE TWIST 37 (CD) J Dunlop 4-9-13 G Duffield 6 2 40-1 CORE TO TERMS 9 (C.F.) T Burron 4-9-5 3 -122 QUALITARI AVIATOR 11 (CD,F.) J Bottominy 4-9-4

4 6-13 SULUK 10J (C,BF,F) R Holleshand 5-9-2 S Perks 6 900/ 8061HERNE 10J (0,9) Jimmy Rizgerald 8-7-8

6 6-44 SALRE 18 (8) J Mackle 5-7-7 G Hind (8) 10 7 -103 SELDOM IN 14 (C) J Wharton 4-7-7 N Certains 8 8 0404 MY SWAN SOND 14 (C) J Smith 5-7-7 J Fortune (5) 5-2 9 5-51 SURVEZ MO14 (C) JC Allen 6-7-7 F Norten (7) 1 10 56-5 COOLETA 9 (Y/G) E Alston 5-7-7 S Wood (5) 5

6-4 Terrique Twist, 4-1 Come To Terms, 13-2 Qualitation, Sulvez Moi, 8-1 Suluk, 12-1 Soldom in, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Barzon, 19 winners from 48 runners, 30.8%; Jimmy Ritsgaraid, 5 from 18, 27,8%; J Duniop, 7 from 27, 25,9%; C Assan, 3 from 17, 17.8%; C Tinider, 4 from 24, 16,7%; A Belley, 3 from 18, 16,7%.

., J Fortune (6) 4

12 006- JAMES BRAVE BOY 60J (F.G.S) T Craig 8-7-7

13 0600 EVER SO SHARP 18 (BJF,G) J Smith 7-7-7

#### SOUTHWELL

Selections By Mandarin

2.10 I See Ice. 2.40 Orchard Court. 3.10 Terminator. 3.40 Guisha. 4.10 J Cheever Loophole. 4.40 Tartique Twist.

Going: standardDraw: 61-71, low numbers best 2.10 CLAYPOLE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (£2,448: 1m) (10 runners)

2 0-60 MOMARABURE 14 R Hollinsinsed 4-8-10 C Hodgson (7) 9
3 48- RIJADH ADMAR 47JJ S Wilson 4-9-10 C Dwyer 5
4 09-0 MALA 14 C W Essy 3-8-6 A Missine (3) 6
5 95-2 I SEE ICE 18 B Hills 3-8-8 B Hills 19
6 4 MATHEMA 18 M Prescut 3-8-6 G Dutheld 2
7 4 MISS 8EA 9 (8) A Bailey 3-8-6 J Outled 2
9 4 MISS 8EA 9 (8) A Bailey 3-8-6 T Owine 4
9 09- PLAY THE BLUES 183 B Handury 3-8-6 B Reymand 3
10 545- SEEMACHANCE 183 M O'Nell 3-8-8 J Portune (6) 8

11-10 I See ice, 4-1 Mathema, 6-1 Hale, 13-2 Moreinve 8-1 Miss Bes, 14-1 others. 2.40 WELLOW CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,935: 1m) (7)

3.10 RAVENSHEAD HANDICAP (£2,469: 1m) (14) 1 289/ TERMENATOR 798J (G,S) Jimeny Pitzgeraid 7-10-0 K Pallon 14 2 1113 (RISH PASSAGE 9 (CD,BF,F,G) T Barron 7-9-11 Alex Green 3 600- NORTHERN PRINTER 128 (F,G) M C'Neil 5-9-8

4 2222 COTHIC FORD 9 (CD,F.S) C Trivier 6-9-9 Raymend 6 5 694- LANGTRY LADY 116 (S) M Ryon 4-9-9 R Raymend (S) 5 6 1435 SEECHWOOD COTTAGE 7 (D,F,G,S) A Bally 7-8-4 7 0322 PAYVASHOOZ 9 (C,F.S) M Delaying (7) 12 7 0222 PAYVASHOOZ 9 (C.F.S) M Britan Signature 13 Signature 13 POR NOTHING 14 (C) J Glover 5-9-0 Date McCacara 13 9 059- GOLDEN BEAU 145 (D.F.Q.S) M Naugriton 8-8-9 Alture (S) 2 Alture 15-9-5 G Had (S) 18 T Claim 4 N Cardiale 3

7-4 Intel Passage, 9-2 Gothic Ford, 6-1 Terminator, 8-1 For Nothing, 10-1 Beechwood Cottage, 12-1 others.

Akimbo collects again From Our French Racing Correspondent, Cagnes

yesterday.

Reid had to pull out all the

England last year, will attempt

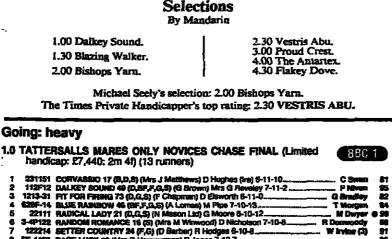
Akimbo (John Reid) gained his second success of the meeting with a hard-fought victory in the £5,359 Prix de la Baie des Anges (1m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer 1.10 for a place.

resterday.

Reid had to pull out all the stops to catch Blue de Valois well inside the final furiong and drove the Charlie Nelson cott home to beat that rival by 1½ lengths.

Akimbo, who ran only once in England last year, will attempt · (b)





C Greet Long handlesp: Rare Luck 9-12, Gala Loch 9-9, Little Mynd 9-9, Meryett 9-8, Rondeau 9-8, Roset BETTING: 5-2 Redical Lady, 4-1 Dailtey Sound, 5-1 Fit For Firing, Blue Rainbow, 7-1 Random Rot Setter Country, 14-7 Carvassio, 16-1 others. 1989: ONLY TROUBLE 8-10-13 G McCourt (7-1) T Houbrooke 10 ran

FORM FOCUS CORYASSIO gained that success of the season with a 21 defeat of Astral River at Thurles (2m 21, nearly, FT FOR FRIMS beat Fishing Smack Statt Rivers (2m 41, good) in December with MERYETT (7h better off) 134 3rd of the 15-namers.

RANDOM ROMANCE 151 2nd to Georgic at Leicester (2m, soft); earlier beat SETTER COUNTRY (5b better off) 21 8LUE RANDOM (2m 41, good) with ROSCOFF (1b) better off) 21 8LUE RANDOM (3m 42 Country (2m 41, good) with GALA LOCH pulled up. 25 Country (2m 42 Country (2m 43 Country (2m 44 Country (

1.30 TIMEFORM STEEPLE CHASE (Listed race: £10,122: 2m 4f) (5

BETTING: 6-5 Elezing Walker, 5-2 Tertan Takeover, 9-2 Formula One, 8-1 Felle Na Hinse, 14-1 Only 1989: SOUTHERN MINSTREL 6-11-0 A Merrigan (Evens fav) W A Staphenson 3 fan

FORM FOCUS ORLY TROUBLE weakened from 2 out when 91 3rd of 9 to Rymer king at Wolverhampton (3m 11, good); earlier 191 3rd to The Leggett at Chepstow (2m 41, soft); BLAZING WALKER tried to refuse and unseated rider on latest start but had previously beaten Baku Guest 2 in an 8-runner race at Newcastle (2m, good). For Refuse a wire result of Andrew in a 6-runner handicap at Ayr (3m 110yd, good) after pushing up behind Built Knoll at the sante course; latest bear Magic Bay 301 in a match at Motionism Con port. At the same course; latest being at the same course; latest being at the same course; latest being the same course; latest bei

Course specialists

TRAINERS

#### NEWBURY

Selections By Mandarin

1.15 Comandante. 1.45 Münnehoma.

2.45 Ali Jeff. 3.15 VAULT (nap). 3.45 Keep Hope Alive.

By Michael Seely 1.45 Miinnehoma, 2.15 Ghofar,

Guide to our in-line racecard 1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F,Q.S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 12-0 ... Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in P-pulled up. U – unseeted rider. B – brought down. S – sileped up. R – refused. D – disqualiffed). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B – blinkers. breckets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft (home straight good) 1.15 PHILLP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS NOVICES CHASE (Listed race: 

FORM FOCUS COMMODANTE beat 7 at 200 for soft). Had rain out on chasing debut. DON'T Folloation (2m 41, soft) last time. Previously was in contention when failing at the second last in the race won by Celtic Shot at Kempton (2m 41, soft) in December. Shot at Kempton (2m 41, soft) in December. Will provide the content of the chasing debut there. A useful hundler, 41 2nd of 13 to Run For Free at Chatterham (2m 41, good to firm) last time out.

Wincanton (2m, good to soft). CAPTAIN FRISK 371. Selection: COMANDANTE 1.45 PHILIP CORNES SADDLE OF GOLD HURDLE FINAL (Listed race: £10,138: 3m 120yd) (6 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Minnshome, 3-1 Black Moccesin, 9-2 Remittance Men, 7-1 Strong Gold, 10-1 Beau Pari, 12-1 Cardinal Reigh. 1889: PERTEMPS METWORK 5-11-5 P Scudamore (4-5 lav) M Pipe 5 ran FORM FOCUS BEAU PARI best (Same terms) 71 st Ascot (2m 44, good to soft) lest time (same terms) 71 st Ascot (2m 44, good to soft) lest time.

HOMA is umbesten over hundles. Last time out, best summight! Coltic 1%1 over this course and distance (good). REMITTANCE MAN best Empire Bus 41 at time.

BLACK MOCCASIN best REMITTANCE MAN (85) better off) 11 at Doncaster (2m 44, good) latest. STRONG GOLD 16%1 ord 14 to Lypheoric at Kempton (2m 41, good). Bearlier (3 4t to 29 to Canneas at Warwick (2m 51, good to soft).

Selection: MENNINEHOMA

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Long handicep: Eastshaw 9-10, Dalbury 8-10. BETTING: 2-1 Ghofar, 3-1 Four Trix, 6-1 Bertree, 8-1 Gembridge Jupiter, 10-1 Chief tronside, Eastshaw, 14-1 Celfic Flame, 33-1 Dalbury. 1989: EASTSHAW 7-10-3 C Llewellyn (9-4) T Forster 6 ran 2.45 WICKHAM NOVICES CHASE (£3,340: 3m) (19 runners) BETTING: 7-2 Mountain Cabin, 11-2 Kenniss, 6-1 Batinhassig, Arctic Call, 8-1 Under Offer, 10-1 Impale, 12-1 All Jeff, Another Troup, 16-1 Provide, 20-1 others.

1989: FRIENDLY HENRY 9-11-4 H Davies (5-2) J Fox 3 ran 3.15 HIGHCLERE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,938: 2m 100yd) (14 runners) 1989: WONDER MAN 42 (G,S) 4-11-7 M Bowlby (2-1 julian) Mrs J Pitmen 10 ran 3.45 EASTLEIGH HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,727: 2m 100yd) (15 runners)

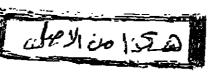
601 10/248-F MOLE BOARD 9 (D.F.S) (W Sturt) J Old 8-12-0 2nd pref
602 1110-15 WONDER MAN (£0,BF) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 MF Pitman 6

603 11401- VOYAGE SANS RETOUR 317 (B,D.F.G.S) (Mrs J Lesper) M Pipe 5-10-11 M Perrett
604 124-0 PENNY FORLIN SDF (B,Q) (R Surretge) J Supclifie 6-10-10 Dale McKeaven
605 10-3433 IMPERIAL BRUSH 21 (B,CD,Q,S) (P Pution) D Elsworth 6-10-5 P Holley (3)
606 11-13 KEEP HOPE ALVE 48 (£0,BF,G,S) (Mrs J Donnes) B Curley 6-10-0 D Marphy
607 21-0254 SMART PERFORMER 19 (£0,D,S) (R Gomersel) N Tinider 5-10-0 M Richards
608 00-2111 GANOON 10 (D,Q,S) (Mrs R Morris) P Hedger 7-10-0 M Richards
609 1P/0 PACTOLUS 16 (D,S) (Mrs R Morris) P Hedger 7-10-0 M Richards
601 134/P-21 STAR SEASON 15 (D,S) (Mrs D Clark) S Christign 7-10-0 M M Richards
610 134/P-21 STAR SEASON 15 (D,S) (Mrs D Morris) P Hedger 1-0-0 M M Alten (5)
610 134/P-31 STAR SEASON 15 (D,S) (Mrs D Morris B Tuckwell) J Jenkins 6-10-0 M Abem (5)
611 402151 OPERATIC SCORE 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Tuckwell) J Jenkins 6-10-0 M Abem (5)
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## Notice payment within definition of wages

A payment in lieu of notice came within the definition of wages in section 7(1) of the Wages Act 1936 and an industrial tribunal had jurisdiction to consider a complaint by an employee that in failing to make such a navment his employers such a payment his employers had made a deduction from his es contrary to section 1(1) of

the Act.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal sitting in Edinburgh so held when allowing an appeal by the employee, Manousos Kournavous, from the decision of a Glasgow industrial tribunal in Angust 1989 that they had no jurisdiction to hear his complaint against his employers, J. R. Masterton & Sons (Demolition) Ltd.

Section 7 of the 1986 Act

Section 7 of the 1986 Act provides: "(1) ... 'wages', in relation to a worker, means any sums payable to the worker by his employer in connection with his employment including (2) his employment, including (a) any fee, bosus, commission, holiday pay or other emolument referable to his employment, whether payable under his contract or otherwise. ..." Section 8 provides: "(3)
Where the total amount of any
wages that are paid on any
occasion by an employer to any
worker employed by him is less

Rounavous v J. R. Masterton than the total amount of the wages that are properly payable enter and Mr. A. J. Ramsden [Judgment February 22]

A payment in line of potice. be treated ... as a deduction made by the employer from the worker's wages on that

Mr Joe O'Hara, legal officer of the General Municipal Boiler-makers, for the employee; the employers did not appear and were not represented. LORD MAYFIELD said that

the employee was involved in an industrial accident in 1985. He did not return to work and after a certain amount of correspondence his employers wrote to him in February 1989 terminating his employment.

The employee submitted to the industrial tribunal that he was entitled to notice on ter-mination of his employment and, as notice had not been given, he was entitled to a sum appropriate to his wages and length of service; and that failure to pay such sum was a deduction in terms of section I(1) of the Wages Act 1986. The industrial tribunal took the view that payment in lieu of notice represented damages for breach of contract by the employers prematurely ter-minating the employee's con-tract and did not fall within the

recoverable only by suing for breach of contract begged the question in issue. The question was not whether pay in lieu of notice was damages or unpaid wages, but whether the indus-trial tribunal had jurisdiction under the Wages Act 1986. It was not fatal to an employ-

et's claim that there were de-fences to it at common law. Regard had to be paid to section 8(3) which required an industrial tribunal to ascertain the wages "that are properly payable" by the employer to a worker on a particular occasion Accordingly, as an industrial tribunal had been given jurisdic-tion in relation to the 1986 Act, it was necessary to consider the provisions of the Act to ascertain whether wages in lieu of notice were within the jurisdic-tion of the industrial tribunal.

"Wages" were defined in section 7(1). It was clear that the general words of that subsection were couched in wide terms, referring as it did to "any sums payable to the worker by his employer in connection with his employment. The words "any sums" had to the words any sums nad to be regarded as meaning what they said. In the tribunal's view, they were clearly intended to include any and all payments connected with employment.

It was difficult to see how a

payment of wages in lieu of notice was other than intimately

tion 7(1) was not exhaustive, and the subsection dealt with a variety of matters which often appeared in terms and con-ditions of contract additional to

actual wages.

The general words were not limited to sums payable under a contract. Furthermore, section 7(2) dealt with express exclusions, and it was not unreasonable to deduce that the matters there set out had been expressly excluded because otherwise they would fall within the general

words.

Accordingly, the tribunal had come to the conclusion that wages in lieu of notice fell within the wide words of section 7(1) of the Act.

to the worker in connection with his employment as holiday pay, and therefore might be included in the words "or other emolu-ment referable to his employment.

The industrial tribunal had also concluded that where nothass concluded that where nothing at all had been paid, that could not be a "deduction." It was assumed that they were referring to section 8(3) of the

The effect of that subsection was that, where there was a payment, on an occasion where less was paid than was properly payable to the worker, the shortfall was to be treated as a deduction for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Act.

late the amount of wages, but intentionally (and whether or not in genuine belief that the wages were not due) paid the worker less than the latter was entitled to receive, that constituted a deduction stituted a deduction.

For the purpose of section 8(3) there was no distinction between a deduction which was not the subject of dispute, which an employer had made, and a deduction or shortfull which was in dispute because the employer. in dispute because the employer

said he was not liable to make said he was not liable to make the payment.

There was force in the conten-tion that if the Act was not to apply to a total non-payment, it could not govern a deduction of 100 per cent of the wages due on any occasion. The reference to "wages that are paid on any occasion" in section 8 did not require that some payment be made before there could be a

It was a matter for the industrial tribunal to determine, on the facts of the case, what was "properly payable" and, if the matter was in dispute, the tribunal had jurisdiction to determine that matter.

The tribunal regretted that, having reached its decision, it had become apparent that it differed from the almost simultaneous judgment in Delaney v R. J. Staples (t/a De Montfort Recruitment) (The Times February 8, 1990). industrial tribunal to determine.

## Burden of proof lies on the feller of protected tree

Regina v Brightman Regina v Alath Construction Ltd

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice

[Judgment February 20] Where a tree which was the subject of a preservation order was cut down, the burden of proof, on the issue of whether it proof, on the issue of whether had become dangerous so as to justify its felling without the local authority's consent under section 60(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, fell upon the person responsible for cutting it down.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeals of Grenville Geoffrey Brightman and Alath Constitution Ltd against their convictions on January 24, 1989 in St Albans Crown Court (Mr Recorder Zucker, QC and a jury) of contravention of a tree preservation order contrary to section 102(1) of the 1971 Act, on which they were each fined £500 and ordered to pay £1,000 towards the costs of the prosecution. Section 60(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 provides that local authorities may make tree preservation orders if it appears "expedient in the interests of amenity" and may by such order prohibit "subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made by the order, the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wil-ful damage or wilful destruction

of trees except with the consent of the local planning authority". Section 60 provides: "(6) Without prejudice to any other exemptions for which provision may be made by a tree preserva-tion order, no such order shall apply to the cutting down, uprooting, topping or lopping of trees which are dying or dead or have become dangerous, or the cutting down, uprooting, topping or lopping of any trees in compliance with any obligations imposed by or under an Act of Parliament or so far as may be

necessary for the prevention or abatement of a nuisance." Mr David A. Pearl for the ints; Mr Philip A. Waller for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that Mr Brightman was the director of Alath Construction

Regina v Dunn

[Judgment February 22]

of aggravated burglary.

have such an adverse effect on

the fairness of the proceedings that the court ought not to admit

Mr Gary Summers, assigned

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD,

There were clearly serious breaches of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s66) Codes of Practice by the

police, as the judge had found.

First, there was no contemporaneous note of the disputed

Second, the reason for the

Ltd. a company involved in property development, which at all material times owned a plot toon, namely section 102. land in Berkhamsted, on which there were a number of rees. The company developed the site, building dwelling

houses upon it.

In May 1984 the local planning authority made a tree preservation order embracing the plot. Among the trees standing on the land was a beech tree which was close to one of the dwelling houses. The appellants made a number of applications for permission to fell the beech tree, but they were all refused.

In October 1987 there was a great storm which ravaged many areas of the UK. It was common ground that on October 17 the beech tree was cut down upon the instructions of the appellants, without the per-mission of the planning

A prosecution was instituted and the appellants elected trial. After arraignment a preliminary point was raised as to the burden of proof, it being con-tended on behalf of the appel-lants that the burden of proving that at the material time the beech tree was not dying or dead or dangerous or creating a nuisance lay throughout with

the prosecution.

The recorder ruled that the prosecution did not have to prove that at the material time the beech tree was in any of those conditions. He ruled that the burden was upon the appellants to establish one or other or all of the conditions.

It seemed to their Lordships that section 102(1) of the 1971 Act, which created the offence, had within it the following ingredients: (i) there had to be a tree preservation order; (ii) it had to be proved that the appellants had cut down or engaged in the other activities referred to, and (iii) it had to be shown that whatever had been done by the appellants in cutting down or engaging in the other activities in relation to the tree was done without the permission of the planning

authority. Section 60(1) was the enabling provision which entitled the planning authority, in proper circumstances, to make a tree preservation order, the breach

Evidence admitted because of

The offence under that seetion was, in their Lordships judgment, an absolute utlence provided always that the prosecution proved the three ingredients referred to earlier.

Section 6(86) provided an exception to the absolute liability created by the offence. Section 60 did not create the offence, but dealt with cucumstances in which the local authority might make the order and section 60(6) in particular was a free-standing provision quite independent of section 102, and defined, in terms, the exceptions to the normal con-sequences of cutting down a tree which was the subject matter of

an order. Section 60(6) did not create negative ingredients of the of-fence in respect of which a burden of proof rested upon the

prosecution Section 60(6), therefore, provided a true exception to what was otherwise an absolute of fence, as opposed to a negative ingredient of the offence. Their Lordships entirely

agreed with the recorder's analysis of the law and his conclusions, as set out in his ruling where, having considered R. Hunt ([1987] AC 352), he said "Applying the decisions a outlined in those speeches to the facts in this case . . . on a proper construction of section 102 and section 60 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1977 ection 60(6) provides for while are indeed true exceptions or exemptions ... and unlike the case of Hunt sub-section 6(6) does not provide for one of the essential ingredients of the offence.

"This being an exemption or exception the burden of proof in my judgment, lays on the person who asserts it, who m this case is the defendant. . "...
The recorder's observations position at the trial, could not be improved upon, and their Lordwere abundantly satisfied that the recorder had come to the correct conclusion.

Solicitors: Parrot & Coules, Aylesbury: Mr Keith Hunt Hemel Hempstead.

### Oral agreement with union sufficient to justify deduction

York City & District Travel
Ltd v Smith

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr J.

deduction from any wages of any worker employed by him unless ... (a) it is required or original contract of employment

By virtue of section 1(3)(b) of the 1986 Act a variation of the unless ... (a) it is required or original contract of employment

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The employer argued that the tribunal had found that there was no indicate. There was no indicate the practice of the present employer or trade union or about general was an oral agreement expense or trade union or about general was an oral agreement employer. Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr J. Daly and Mr A. D. Scott

[Judgment February 21] Where an employer made a deduction from a worker's wages in reliance on a variation to the worker's contract of employment as contained in a collective agreement with the trade union, the variation need only have been agreed orally at the time of the conduct on account of which the deduction was made and it would be wrong to infer that such agreements were not effective unless reduced to writing, without evidence to justify such inference.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by the employer. York City & District Travel Ltd, from a decision of a Leeds industrial tribunal in April 1989 and remitting for rehearing a claim by the employee, Mr Swart Smith, that money had been illegally deducted from his

Section 1 of the Wages Act to deduct any cash shortages 1986 provides: "(1) An employer shall not make any cash.

Regina v Secretary of State for

Education and Science, Exparte Inner London Education

Before Lord Justice Mann and

Where an educational asset had

entitled to have regard to the

future use of the school premises, after the school's dis-

continuance as a voluntary

school, in considering whether a

repayment of such public expen-diture should be made to the

local education authority under section 14(1)(d) of the Edu-

cation Act 1944, as amended by section 14 and Part 2 of Sched-

ule 2 to the Education Act 1946.

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in

dismissing an application by the Inner London Education Au-

thority (ILEA) and Lewisham

London Borough Council for judicial review of a decision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science granting

leave to the governors of the Haberdashers' Aske's Schools at

Hatcham to serve notice dis-continuing the schools as vol-

untary schools enabling them to become a city technology college (CTC) and declining to impose

any requirements on the govany requirements on the gov-ernors to repay any sums in regard to the expenses ILEA or its predecessor, London County Council (LCC) had incurred in

Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr John Whitaker for ILEA; Mr

Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Mr

Alan Wilkie for Lewisham: Mr

Roger ter Haar for the secretary of state; Mr David Pannick for

been created partly by public funds, the secretary of state was be a recognition of the fact that.

**Authority and Another** 

[Judgment February 23]

Mr Justice Brooke

authorized to be made by virtue of ... any relevant provision of the worker's contract. . .".

Mr Timothy Hartley for the employer, Mr Patrick Elias for

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the employee was employed as a travel office clerk. On August 9, 1988, his takings for the previous day were found to

Though it was not suggested that he had misappropriated them, the fact that they were not where they should have been indicated that the proper proce-dures for their safekeeping had not been followed.

On December 8, 1988, a deduction was made from his wages which he claimed to be illegal under section 1 of the Wages Act 1986. The employer relied on a variation to the contract of employment which provided that the employer was entitled

Future use of school relevant in

making repayment decision

be a recognition of the fact that, where public money had been

invested in improving or enlarg-

ing school premises owned by a

voluntary charity, there was a

public interest to be taken into

account when the school's gov-

ernors wished to withdraw the

school from the statutory sys-tem of education and they should not be permitted to withdraw their school without

some kind of examination of where the public interest would

Parliament intended the sec-

retary of state to ask himself two

different questions. First, was it

requirements for repayment at

all? Second, if it was appro-priate, what requirements for

in answering the second ques-tion he had to ask himself a third question: in respect of

what part of the value of the premises was it just to consider

ordering a repayment to be made? In answering that third

question, he had to have regard to the extent to which the

premises were provided at the expense of the authority or a

The controversy was whether the secretary of state was en-titled to take two considerations into account which related to

1 That the schools' premises

the fature:

Haberdashers. would, as part of the proposed LORD JUSTICE MANN, CTC, continue to benefit pupils

appropriate to impose any

said that Parliament was silent catchment area as applied to the

might be oral but must be notified to the employee in writing prior to the date of deduction; and by section 1(4) the variation must have been agreed before the conduct on ccount of which the deduction

The employer conducted negotiations for the terms and conditions of employment of its employees with the Association of Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Staff. In March 1988 an agreement, including the variation relied on, had been sent to the trade union

There was no finding of the date on which it was signed. Minutes of a union committee meeting on June 10, 1988, recorded receipt of the agreement and that it would be duly

An agreement in identical form was signed by each side and dated September 9, 1988. find that there was an agreement it was not implemented and ratified until September 9".

conferred by Parliament, those

were factors which the secretary

account and he did not mis-

direct himself as to the extent

and nature of his discretionary

powers. How much weight he gave to each of those factors was

The applicants had also com-plained that the consultation

process was unfair to them. His

Lordship concluded that taken

as a whole the consultation process had been unfair to them.

was given any notice that the secretary of state would or might

be likely to take the cost of replacement provision into ac-

count when he decided whether

or not to direct repayment, and they were therefore not given

the opportunity of focusing on that issue and making

However, this was a case in which time had been of the essence and the applicants ought to have made their applications for relief promptly. They had filled to do so

failed to do so. His Lordship was also of the

opinion that the secretary of state would be virtually certain

to reach the same decision again. In the exercise of the

court's discretion it was proper in all the circumstances to deny

the applicants any relief.

entations to the secretary

Neither Lewisham nor ILEA

was an oral agreement evidenced in writing by June 10, and that the tribunal erred in looking for a ratification in

The tribunal decision con-cluded, "Consequently at the date when the employee was alleged to have been responsible for cash shortage the document was not then implemented ... consequently we find that the deduction was illegal."

It was submitted that the indication was that the tribunal was throughout looking for a written agreement, whereas the variation of a written contract of riployment was not required to be in writing.

A number of formidable points were made on behalf of the employee. Most im-portantly, the industrial mem-bers of the appeal tribunal were asked to bring their experience to bear and to find that such until that had been done. There was no evidence before

agreements were always reduced to writing and were not effective

or trade union or about general practice. There was no indica-tion that the industrial members of the industrial tribunal had brought their experience into the deliberations.

The industrial members of the appeal tribunal took the view that it would be wrong to indicate that there was a general practice or rule of good indus-trial relations that such agree-ments should be or were almost always reduced into writing.

Unless there was evidence fore a tribunal to justify the inference that such an agreement must be in writing, it would be an error to approach consideration of a case such as the present with that fixed

The industrial tribunal decision was so unsatisfactory that it must be considered to be flawed. It did not give a direction in law; it did not define the issues: it omitted some essential findings of fact; it did not allow the parties to understand the

Solicitors: Kirbys, Harrogate; the appeal tribunal as to the Pattinson & Brewe

#### **Reasonable deviation** can be planned before voyage begins

said that Parliament was silent about the matters which the secretary of state should consider in deciding whether or not he should grant leave to serve a notice under section 14(1) and he therefore had a wide discretion.

Parliament intended the leave requirements of section 14(1) to conferred by Parliament, those Lyric Shipping Inc v the negligence of the docking Intermetals Ltd and Another pilot.

The Al Take)

Before Mr Justice Phillips [Judgment February 22]

A "reasonable deviation" of a ship within article IV, rule (4) of the Hague Rules could be a deviation planned before the voyage began or the bills of

Mr Justice Phillips so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in giving judgment for Lyric Shipping Inc, the plaintiff owners of the Al Taha, in their claim for contribution against Intermetals Ltd, the owners of the ship's cargo of shredded scrap metal, and Phoenix Assurance pic, the guarantors of any sum due from Intermetals by way of general

The Hague Rules provide in article IV, rule 4: "Any deviation in saving or attempting to save life or property at sea, or any reasonable deviation shall not be deemed to be an infringement or breach of ... the contract of carriage, and the carrier shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting

Mr Anthony Clarke, QC and Mr Charles Macdonald for the plaintiff, Mr David Steel, QC and Mr Paul Walker for the

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said the Al Taha had sailed from Portsmouth; New Hampshire, for Izmir in Turkey. Three days later, it had run aground at Boston, Massachusetts due to

that in putting into Boston the Al Taha had unlawfully devisted from the voyage from Portsmouth to Izmir. The issue breach of the contract of carriage, which was subject to the United States Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1936, which incorporated article IV, rule 4 of the

Hagne Rules. In his Lordship's judgment a "reasonable deviation" within that article could be a deviation planned before the voyage began or the bills of lading were signed.

In practice such a planned deviation was likely to be reasonable only where the deviation was planned in order to perform the contractual adven-ture and where the doctrine of by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Dunn; Mr Anthony of performance legitimate.
In such a case article IV, rule 4

would apply provided that the deviation planned constitued a reasonable method of performing the contractual adventure. Leonard for the prosecution. delivering the judgment of the court, dismissed the appeal in relation to the first count. A distinction had to be drawn between the planned deviation, which had to be reasonable, and As to count two, it was argued for the appellant that the judge was wrong not to have excluded evidence of admissions said to acts or omissions in the course of attempting to carry out the have been made at the end of an interview.

An act of negligent navigation in the course of carrying out a reasonable deviation would not render the deviation itself

The owners were not liable for the docking pilot's negligence, which did not defeat their claim for contribution. Solicitors: Lloyd & Co; Clyde

solicitor's clerk's presence record was not recorded in the police officer's note book. Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Third, and most important, the appellant was not given the opportunity to read the sub-

sequent record, said to have been made within a few minutes The presence of a solicitor's clerk at an interview was a factor, which a trial judge was entitled to take into account in the of the completion of the inter-view, so that he could either sign it as correct or indicate the exercise of his discretion under section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 in refusing to exclude evidence. respects in which he considered it inaccurate.

Thus, there were clear breaches of paragraphs 11(3)(b)(ii), 11(6) and 12(12) of The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held in a inal Division) so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by Gary Dunn against his conviction at Acton Crown Court (Judge Palmer, QC and a jury) on 1984 Act. In Regina v Canale (The Times November 8, 1989) Lord

Times November 8, 1989) Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice. Section 78 of the 1984 Act emphasized the importance of provides: "(1) In any proceedprecise compliance with the provisions of the 1984 Act. ings the court may refuse to allow evidence on which the He found the conduct of the prosecution proposes to rely to police in that case lamentable, be given if it appears to the court that, having regard to all the and observed that police officers still did not seem to appreciate circumstances, including the circumstances in which the the importance of observing the Act and the accompanying codes. The present case was evidence was obtained, the admission of the evidence would

> vailing considerations he would have exercised his discretion so as to exclude evidence of the conversation. But he was influenced by the fact that the solicitor's repre-sentative, Mrs Hemmings, was

another in the same series.

The judge said in his ruling that had there been no counter-

present throughout the alleged Having regard to her presence, the judge held that the admission of the evidence would not have such an adverse effect on the fairness of the proceedings that he ought to

exclude it. The question was whether her presence was a relevant factor in deciding whether to admit the evidence. It was argued that Mrs Hemmings' presence made no

The only consequence of the breach of Code C was that the court had been "deprived of the

officers in the vital interview R v Delaney ((1988) 88 Cr App R 338). If the detective constable

failed to show his notes to Mrs. Hemmings, as well as the appele lant, he only compounded the error. The consequence re-mained the same. Their Lordships saw the force of that argument. On the other

hand it would seem contrary to commonsense to regard the presence of the solicitor during the disputed conversation a The judge's reason for admit-

ting the evidence was that Mrs Hemmings was there to protect the appellant's interes Lordships agreed with that line of reasoning.

In the first place MrsHemmings could have intervened during the conversation.

before the relevant answers were Second, her mere presence would inhibit the police from fabricating a conversation-which did not in fact take place: Third, if they were to fabricate a conversation despite that inhibition, then it would not simply be a question of these

evidence against the evidence of the appellant. The appellant's solicitor would be there to give of the appellant's case.

The presence of the solicitor was a factor which the judge was. entitled to take into account inthe exercise of his discretion.

Before leaving the case their Lordships wished to stress yer, again the importance of the

police complying strictly with the Codes of Practice. Their Lordships did notthe breaches in this case. The presence of the solicitor's representative during the disputed conversation did not excus-those breaches, but it tipped the balance in favour of admitting the evidence. But for Mrs. Herumings presence, the evidence would have been rightly

#### Solicitors: Mr A. M. Ennals, Southwark; Mr R. A. Joy, Lewisham; Treasury Solicitor; Freshfields. Future safety regulations irrelevant

Regina v Birmingham City Council, Ex parte Ferrero Ltd Before Mr Justice Hutchison [Judgment February 22]

In deciding whether to impose a suspension notice under the Consumer Protection Act 1987, a local authority was not en-titled to take into account statutory safety regulations which were not yet in force. Mr Justice Hutchison so held

in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court in quashing a suspension notice issued to Ferrero Ltd, suppliers of chocolates, by Birmingham City Council under section 14 of the 1987 Section 10 of the 1987 Act provides: "(1) A person shall be guilty of an offence if he (a) supplies any consumer goods which fail to comply with the

"(2) For the purposes of this section consumer goods fail to comply with the general safety requirement if they are not reasonably safe having regard to all the circumstances, including

...(b) any standards of safety
published by any person either for goods of a description which applies to the goods in question or for matters relating to goods

of that description. . . Section 14 provides: "(1) Where an enforcement authority has reasonable grounds for suspecting that any safety provision has been contravened

in relation to any goods, the authority may serve a notice ('a suspension notice') prohibiting the person on whom it is served, for such a period ending not more than six months after the date of the notice as is specified therein, from doing any of the following things without the consent of the authority, that is to say, supplying the goods, offering to supply them, agreeing to supply them or exposing them for supply."

Section 15 provides for an appeal to a magistrates court against a suspension notice. Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Spearman for Fer-rero; Mr John Mitting, QC and Mr Colman Treacy for the

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said the applicants made Kinder Surprise, chocolate eggs containing plastic kits from which small toys could be made. A new toy, "Pink Panther", was introduced and about a month later, on November 5, 1989, Jennifer Ashton, aged three, had died after one of the Pink Panther feet lodged in her throat

trading standards office issued a The grounds on which Fer-

Three days later, Birmingham suspension notice prohibiting Ferrero for six months from supplying Pink Panther eggs. under section 10(2)(b) of the 1987 Act even though the Ferrero sought to have the order regulations were not in force at the time.

Solicitors: Taylor Joynson Garrett; Winstanley-Burgess. T.

rero relied were: (i) that the council had no jurisdiction to make the order, (ii) that it had taken into account irrelevant and failed to take into account relevant considerations; (iii) that it unfairly deprived Ferrero of an opportunity to make representations before exercis-ing its power to make the order, (iv) that it acted irrationally in ailing to lift the order.

His Lordship held that the council had jurisdiction to make the order but found for the applicant on the remaining grounds

The council trading standards officer had taken account of the Toys (Safety) Regulations (SI 1989 No 1275) which came into force on January 1, 1990. That included, at paragraph 4, a requirement for toys affected by the regulations to "satisfy the essential safety requirements".

Among the requirements, at schedule 2 of the regulation under the heading "particular risks", were that toys and detachable parts of toys clearly intended for children under 36 months must be of such dimensions as to prevent their being swallowed and/or inhaled. Mr Mitting had argued that the council's trading standards officer had properly taken account of the 1989 Regulations

His Lordship did not accept that argument. The object of a delay between publication and coming into force of regulations was to enable manufacturers to take steps to comply with them, rather than find themselves immediately in breach.

On general principles it would be quite wrong to construe section 10(2)(b) as imposing an indirect obligation to comply with the regulation in advance of the date set by Parliament for its coming into force. There could not be a clearer astance of a decision-maker

expressly taking into account and making it clear that he relied on irrelevant material. It was not in truth a situation of any great urgency. Of course, where a little girl had died, it could not be doubted that the case required urgent investigation — but that was another

Given the huge number of Kinder Surprise eggs sold over the years and given that it could be inferred many other toys sold in that time had small detachable parts, Jeonifer's death did not call for precipitate or unilateral action. His Lordship did not accept that Ferrero should be barred from relief by way of judicial review because they might have obtained a hearing in the mag-

istrates' court under section 15.

Solicitors: Taylor Joynson

Wife bound by signature on legal charge

[Judgment February 23] A wife who had signed a legal charge over the former matri-monial home in favour of a bank to secure her husband's debts was bound by it. Notwithstanding the existence of an arguable claim against the bank for damages for alleged misrepresentations, the wife had no defence in equity to

the claim by Lloyds Bank plc for possession of the property. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Mrs Annabel Egremont from the order of Judge Best in Weymouth County Court in June 1989 that she had no defence to the bank's claim for possession of Easthill House, Piddletrenthyde, Dorset.

Mr James Munby, QC and Mr

Mark Johnstone for Mrs Egremont; Mr Simon Browne-Wilkinson for the bank. LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that Mr and Mrs Egremont had bought the house in 1981. In 1982 Mr Egremont, so as to start a business, was offered a borrowing facility from the bank

of up to £50,000. As security the

bank required a legal charge over Easthill House.

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Both the marriage and the business went badly wrong. In 1986 Mrs Egremont was forced to move out of Easthill House together with their two young children.

At that time Mr Egremont owed the bank some £160,000. By 1990 Mr Egremont's indebteduess to the bank exceeded £! million. They were now divorced and he was bankrupt. It was common ground that neither the bank nor Mr Egremont had exercised undue influence on Mrs Egremont and further that she had an arguable counterclaim against the bank in respect of alleged misrepresentations by it. But the existence of that counterclaim did not reprise any defence to

did not provide any defence to the bank's claim for possession. In support of the claim that the charge was wholly unenforceable against Mrs Egremont it was argued first that the bank had a duty to disclose to her the existence of the guarantee, the fact that the charge was unlimited in scope

The extent of the duty of disclosure was considered by the House of Lords in Hamilton v Watson ((1845) 12 C & F 109)—

in companied of the duty of drawn between agency in the purpose of undue influence that depended on whether the content to leave it allows the purpose of the in commercial transactions the bank was content to leave it all to the husband. general rule was that there was no duty with an exception in regard to "anything that might not naturally be expected to take place between the parties". Clearly, the present case came within the rule and not the

Second. Mr Munby, relying on Cornish v Midland Bank Ltd ([1985] 3 All ER 513) argued that the bank was under a safe course, was to er general duty of disclosure because Mrs Egremont was its independent advice.

However, even assuming that the bank was under such a duty, it was of no help to Mrs. Egremont. The bank had accepted that she had an arguable counterclaim and there was nothing in the cited case to support the argument that non-disclosure by the bank entitled her to have the charge set aside.

Finally, Mr Munby contended that Mrs Egremont signed the charge as a result of an innocent misrepresentation by her former husband. He said that a bank that left it to the husband to obtain his wife's signature to a document took a risk that she might be induced to

Here the bank had sent the

charge for signature not to the husband but to his solicitors. Itwas entitled to assume that Mrs. Egremont had there been given. independent advice. The theme running through all the authorities like a golden

thread was that the safest course for a bank, and perhaps the only safe course, was to ensure, if it could, that a wife recrived That was the burden of Coldunell v Gallon ([1986] QE 1184) and Bank of Bunda v Shah ([1988] 3 All ER 24). The bank had not left it to Mr Egremont to obtain the signature. It had left it to the solicitor. Any misrepresentation, which might have been made by

Mr Egremont was not made by him as agent of the bank. The bank was entitled in assume that Mrs Egremont had received independent advice 35 to the scope of the charge below she signed. As against the bank she had no equity on which she could rely.

Mrs Justice Booth gave over Easthill House.

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and duration and that it would He relied on Banelays Bank Solicitors: Scott Bailey

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# Caribbean cricket-hopping

Inspired by England's success in the first of the five West Indian Tests, James Henderson and Brian Viner propose a sporting island tour

he Jamaicans are the second best hustlers in the Caribbean. The Haitians are better, but there can't be too many Caribbean experiences more intimidating than being hustled in a Kingston side street.
"Hey London, wha' appenin? Wha' canna do fer yer, man?" The

hustler offers a complete inventory of services of doubtful appeal, but he has the lyric, and once he's found his line and length he won't be stonewalled. Inevitably, you end up parting with

The cricketing metaphor is an apt one. Mention the game and this Caribbean Arthur Daley be-

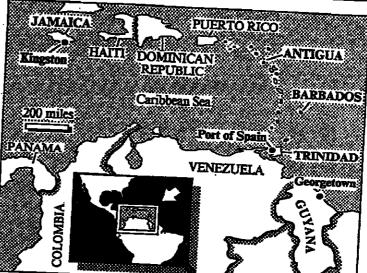
comes your best friend.
In Jamaica, where England
started its five-Test series so splendidly, cricket is a national obsession. During a Test match the otherwise relentless rap of dance-hall reggae falls silent, because every radio is tuned to the commentary from Sabina Park. Politics divide, but cricket unites - a cliché, but an apposite one, for the nation is led in its love of cricket by none other than Michael Manley, the Prime Minister.

His book, A History of West Indian Cricket (published in 1988), has an introduction by former captain Clive Lloyd. "Cricket," Lloyd says, "is the ethos around which West Indian society revolves. All our experiments in Caribbean integration either failed or have maintained a dubious desirability; but cricket remains the instrument of Caribbean cohesion."

More than that, West Indian cricket reflects the Caribbean way of life, both in its diversity of colour and its uniformity of spirit. The British can be tiresomely proprietorial about cricket, and about the democratic political system we have bequeathed to the Caribbean, but the West Indies has given both its own stamp.

In Guyana, host to the second Test, March 9-14, fewer than a million people live in a country larger than Britain, most of them along a coastal strip which skirts impenetrable mountains and rain-

Desperately poor and beset by economic problems, Guyana, on the South American mainland, is included in the West Indies because of its British heritage. Here, as everywhere in the Caribbean, youngsters defend biscuittin wickets on any piece of round. The bigger boys bat and bowl (always with a bent arm) and the toddlers man the outlield. Clive Lloyd himself graduated



pickneys will end up tormenting England at Lord's. They certainly

yearn to, for cricket is one of the

sturdiest ladders in the Caribbean

Barbadians, in particular, pos-

itively worship their finest cricket-

ers. The heroic stature of Sir

Garfield Sobers remains undimin-

ished, years after he wielded bat

and bowled to such extraordinary

effect. And each time you part

with a five-dollar note you see

upon it Sir Frank Worrell, the first black West Indian to captain the

team and the man responsible for

welding 11 men from different

Barbados, which hosts the fourth Test, April 5-10, is a tiny coral island, 14 miles by 10, out on

its own in the Atlantic and

rimmed with some of the area's

finest beaches. Its people are

considered formal and, by Carib-

bean standards, even reserved, yet

they are fiercely proud. In

cricketing terms alone they have

much to be proud about. During

islands into a unit.

to fame and social status.

from cricket on a Guyanese dirt-

As in Trinidad, where the third Test is to be played on March 23-28, the population of Guyana is a surprising mix. About half the Guyanese are of East Indian stock, their ancestors brought over as indentured labourers after the final emancipation of the African slaves in 1838.

In both Guyana and Trinidad, the evening skyline is silhouetted with the prayer-flags of the Hindus and the domed mosques of the Muslim faithful And East In-dians, too, have left their mark on West Indian cricket, in players like the graceful little Guyanese lefthander, Kallicharran, and Sonny Ramadhin, the mesmeric Trinidadian spinner of the 1950s.

Trinidad lies seven miles off the Venezuelan coast. It is the home of the Caribbean Carnival, an explosive month-long celebration of calypsos and fetes (rum and dancing parties) which culminated on Shrove Tuesday. Port of Spain heaved with the masquerade. Bands of brightly dressed dancers a thousand strong were all shifting

But in the hills above Port of Spain life goes on as normal. It was there, in the Maraval valley, that we came across a dozen kids playing cricket in the road. In turn we were handed the makeshift bat and sent in to defend the inevitable biscuit-tin lid against the might of the gangly Winston, aged 11. Is it possible to swing an ancient tennis ball? Anyway, it took just two deliveries to humiliate us both; two tremendous and peals of little-boy laughter from the outfield. "Well you better bowl man, if yer kyaan

Who knows if one of these

25 years of the domestic championship, once the Shell Shield and now the Red Stripe Cup, Barbados has been victorious a record 12 times. Such stars as Gordon Greenidge and Malcolm Marshall have ensured a smooth transition from the Sobers era. The Leeward island of Antigua,

where the final Test of the series gets under way on April 12, is smaller even than Barbados. It is also the youngest nation of the five Test hosts, having gained independence in 1981.

Like Barbados, Antigua derives most of its income from tourism. Two hundred years ago it was just another sugar factory, its every square inch covered with swathes of 12st sugar cane interrupted now and then by a plantation house and windmill. Now just the conjcal shells of the mills survive and the countryside is bare; but it is the beaches, used only for smuggling in the 18th century, that people

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The inevitable conclusion of the kitchen must have been that we considered the service slow. Not so - the bird had only just been ordered - but I bet they'll never believe it at Woolley Grange, where the staff is extremely attentive.

One difficulty with children is that they don't play by the rules. On the face of it, taking them to a hotel for a weekend seems like courting trouble. The latest Good Hotel Guide says that too few hotels in Britain welcome children. One in three establishments simply will not have them.

Well, experiences may have told. Those books that parents never have time to read until they get away for the weekend are full of brats so unbelievably abhorrent that people pay to have them removed. Aren't they what you go to hotels to get away from?

Our children, needless to say, are not like that, and it was for the parents of Sophie, Alexander, Thomas, Amelia et al that Woolley Grange was invented last year. A graceful, multi-chimneyed Jacobean

Peter Brown finds a British hotel that actually welcomes children

Plain, it has been refurbished with tongue-in-cheek good taste. It feels all Colefax and Fowler, but turn a corner and there's a stuffed bear; another and there's a mermaid mural on the ceiling.

It also recognizes that children can occasionally be human and ought not to be ostracized; and that their hardworking parents need to spend time with them.

In Woolley Grange, we shared a bedroom, not entirely successfully, with our three (the other two were aged 18 months and nine). It was a wonderful room, old and big, with a well-equipped bathroom and sturdy, antique furniture. But we found the

Togetherness has its limits.
The next day, after a hefty breakfast, we began to enjoy ourselves. Nigel and Heather Chapman, who run the place, have children of their own and

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ple, came pot-roasted with baby leeks scented in a Sauternes sauce; among the other dishes on offer was "souffle of beef scented with white truffle and woodland mushrooms served with chopped tar-ragon". The head chef, Anand combined nocturnal snortings Sastry, is a protege of Rayand snufflings hard to take. mond Blanc and his exotic creations were much appreciated, even by the five-year-

cat.

old sharing a plate with us. After lunch we dragged the kids from the coach-house and wandered into the wool and pile on the edge of Salisbury know the score. They have rubber town of Bradford,

birthplace of the Moulton bicycle, still made there.

The guide books were right it was neh in interesting buildings, weavers' courages, up-and-down alleys, a shambles, a Saxon church. Not one of them held our children for a moment - not even the town century chapel, later a prison.

Thank heaven for the never nor- recreation ground which you mally do, like will find just this side of the turn further tithe barn. It was one of those than page two still, sunny, greenhouse afternoons. We swung the baby and kicked a ball about, and

blew bubbles out of a can. Back at the hotel the childcan also cat the ren scampered for the coachhouse while we were panpered in the conservatory with tea and silence. Even without the bargain bubbles, those few That guincafowl, for exam- hours of blissful privacy would have made the weekend worthwhile.

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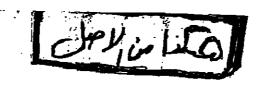
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# Life in Europe's slowest fast lane

George Hill survives Albania's secret

police and lorries to discover the

quiet charm of a country that now

resembles an ideological theme park

the fast lane to adjust my camera's exposure, aimed the lens along the middle of one of Tirana's main boulevards. Being able to stop to take a picture wherever you like is surely what living in a free country is all about. By that criterion, I was freer in Albania than I would have been in Park Lane. I could have held a teaparty in that fast lane, and neither the traffic nor perhaps the police would have minded. There is simply no traffic to obstruct. People stroll along the pavement or the carriageway with complete impartiality.

Far from cracking down on the

iay-walker. Tirana's omnipresent security addaratus sevtimes drove me off the pavement. A boy soldier with a seriouslooking gun me irresistibly and elsewhere a

into carriageway, more subtly sinister figure in a civilian raincoat hissed at me surreptitiously, to warn

another building, where I suppose authority was lurking.

Secret police and an absence of traffic are Albania's best-known tourist attractions. There is a lot more to the place than that, but both are worth seeing — memorable and faintly disorientating aspects of a national atmosphere bizarrely unlike anywhere else in Europe. Since the transformation of eastern Europe last year, it has become even more a museum of a vanished social order - an ideological theme park where the staff have no option about whether they leave or stay.

Private cars do not exist. Cars are assigned to senior officials if they need them for their work and,

they no longer need them.

I discovered that there is Parkinson's law of traffic density

for the visitor from the West: the sight of one of those indestructible sheep-faced Chinese lorries, which still carry most of Albania's freight, labouring along in a cloud of dust hundreds of yards away is liable to throw one into a Pavlovian ferment of "Have I got time to get across?". In practice, the security machine does not impinge too heavily on most visitors. One is no longer treated as a probable spy in all transactions, as one was 10 years ago. We walked unmolested (though perhaps not unscrutinized) around Tirana.

Outside the capital, the manpower apparatus of control is markedly less visible. But everywhere garish slogans, some picked out in gigantic letters across mountainsides, yell out praises to the revolu-

The people of Tirana did not seem to chafe visibly at their lot. They are less extrovert than the ethnic

Greeks in the south of the country, but they are decidedly less glum in public than the Russians. Men very plainly have more leisure than women do. In the evenings the streets fill with decorous crowds making the Mediterranean promenade, and packing into steamy cafés and barbers' shops, or into bakers, where there is nothing on the shelves but one tray of juicy cake, sold by the slice. Albanians are shamelessly fond of cake. The merriest girl I saw in Tirana was hurrying home in the twilight, bearing a plate loaded with a big cream-topped slice each

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with consonants, is as much of a historical curiosity as the country's political system. English is now the most widely taught foreign tongue in Albanian schools, but a definite language barrier still exists.

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barrier. As I went round Tirana, I made a point of experimentally accosting people with: "Do you speak English?" Usually the reaction was a stiffening of the features and a quickening of the pace. Then I would follow up smartly with: "Can you tell me the

way to the Archaeological Mu-seum?" This usually evoked courteous and helpful directions, but mainly in mime and without any disposition to stay and chat. Tirana itself is the strangest place to see in Albania, but not the most attractive. It is growing at

headlong pace - the population of Albania has quadrupled in 60 years - and behind the grandiose squares and monuments of a capital city it spreads out in a dreary landscape of tenements draped in drying laundry. The uncanny absence of traffic gives it the drowsiness of a perpetual Sunday. But it does not mean clear air. On the contrary, the fumes from thousands of coal stoves rise to the rooftops at dawn and dusk in the winter and hang there in a visible pall. I have not choked on

such a smog in years.

The beauties of the country are elsewhere. Roads and hotels are now good enough to make travel in the more accessible parts of it no ordeal. The fertile upland valleys and the coastal plain are cultivated in a primitive, labourintensive manner scarcely to be seen anywhere else in Europe. Gangs of women in bright skirts and white head-scarves stride off to the fields like figures out of Brueghel, or the school of Socialist Realism. It is a life which may be narrow and dulling in expense of physical effort, but it is not the agriculture of starvation, and in its way it is picturesque.

Albania has spent most of its history under outside control, and many relics of its centuries under classical, Byzantine and Ottoman rule lie cheek-by-jowl with the raw tenements which sprout in every town to house the souring population, and the gun-emplacements which spread like a rash of concrete pimples throughout the country, to witness its fanatical determination not to fall under outside control again.

The southern part of the coast, where the climate is mild all year, was developed as a tourist area before the war, and may be again one day. Today, when half the coastline of the Adriatic and Mediterranean has been developed to saturation and beyond, the charm of resorts like Durres, Viore and Sarande, with their palms and oleanders, lies in the strange hush of their arrested development. The pleasures of out-of-season last all year.

In places the shore is only a mile or two from Corfu. I could see its blazing lights, and almost hear its discos and buzzing motor-scooters. A few weeks earlier, I had sat at the water's edge on the other side watching the searchlights on the Albanian shore stealthily fingering the sea, watching out in case some swimmer dared to attempt the crossing. It was odd

now to sit at the other end of the

Two-thirds of Albania is mountains, and the mountains are fine, especially in the winter when the snow lies on them. There are said to be wild boar, woives and bears in the deepest forests. Torrents stream from the Acroceraunian range, down through woods of oaks and pines, along channels of snow-white pebbles - except where coal or oil workings, carried out without concern for pollution, cause them to run soot-black, or with a bluish pallor like curdled

It is the mountain towns that I found most distinctive and memorable - like Berat, with its ravine and wide-gabled stone houses climbing the rock, and Tepelene, with its old chain-bridge and rained castle, where Byron met the war-lord Ali Pasha in 1809. He left an account in his most brilliant style of the suave and bloodthirsty old man and his colourful entourage. The fortresstown of Gjirokastër, rising on a series of peaks to its high citadel, can gain almost the appearance of a Balkan Lhasa on a frosty morning when mist adds scale to the surrounding mountains.

In the last century, there was some prosperity in these hills. Proud and clannish, its inhabitants developed a peculiarly attractive form of architecture. Each house was a little fortress at its lower levels, with thick stone walls snug to resist enemies and icy winters. Its upper levels open out into airy chambers and finely carved pinewood galleries, pleasantly cool in the fiercest heat of the summer, and with wide views over the valley.

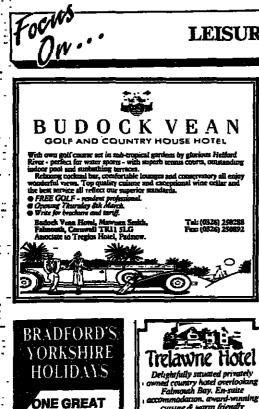
Albania remains fiercely on guard against outsiders. Its his-tory, both early and recent, may not justify this obsessively embattled spirit, but it does go far to explain it. Now the xenophobic grip is relaxing a little. Visitors who are prepared to take a very odd place on its own terms may see what it is that Albanians have been so jealous to defend.

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# Brush up the old paintwork

ainting is one of those activities which nearly everyone thinks it would be fun to take up, if only there was enough time. It looks so enjoyable and relaxing and this initial impression is true. Painting is totally absorbing. There are now a large number of painting holidays and short breaks available, both at home and abroad; some are for just a weekend, others are for two weeks or more; all are with tuition from

These holiday courses begin at the most elementary level and progress to what are virtually master-classes. Between them they cover all the disciplines: water-colours, oils, pastels, gouache, pen

on such areas as painting portraits or miniatures, Chinese brush pany, Caxton House, High Street, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6BD painting, still life, landscape and life drawing. Many of the courses take place in lovely locations at the ideal

time of year when the weather is likely to be warm, the flowers

The widest range of painting holidays and courses comes from Artscape Holidays of Southend-on-Sea, which caters for every level of ability over a wide range of disciplines, including oils, watercolour, acrylic and pastels.

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Although the groups are kept small, it is not uncommon for different levels of ability to attend the same one. Much of the tuition is on an individual basis, and the students also learn from each other. Advice on holiday choice can be obtained from Mrs Elsie Lloyd at Artscape. In Britain the company's holidays are often based at agriand "Principles of Water-cultural colleges, where the colours" at £346, also one facilities are excellent and the

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are out, and artistically floppy bats will not look at all out of place on those who are painting out of doors. Not only are the courses good fun, they are also effective. Most people return with new skills ACTIVITY **HOLIDAYS** and mach-boosted confidence.

of interest, but Artscape also

guided visits to art galleries

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tions include Siena in Tuscany

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runs holidays abroad.

As hobbies go, painting is fairly inexpensive. Most of the travel companies will supply a comprehensive list of the items you require for any particular course or holiday. If you take to the pastime and want to go a little further, an easel will cost between £25-£30, and a stool about £15. It pays to buy good quality materials, but the beginn start painting for an outlay of no more than £50. A magazine, full of advice for would-be artists, is

and ink. Subject matter is equally varied with specialist courses Leisure Painter, published monthly by Artist Publishing Com-(05806 3673). Price £1.35, annual subscription £17.50.

**Robin Neillands** 

#### **UK HOLIDAYS**

Would-be Van Goghs can try 10 days of "Landscape A relaxed holiday, which also Painting" at St Remy in offers provision for the non-Provence from £950, or "Building and Landscape Painting" in the Belgian city of Bruges, which once played er-colours" breaks as part of host to the Van Eycks. A its "Country Pursuits" propainting week in Bruges costs from £379 in June or July.

Study courses, which include able hotels at attractive loca-

A longer stay is available

Courses cover both oil and water-colour painting, mostly landscapes, starting with basic techniques and moving to a more advanced level. There are individual fact-sheets for

on "Further Steps in Water-Painting is also among the colour Painting" for the more advanced student, cost £182 many activities offered by HF Holidays ranging from "Paintfor residents and £104 for non-Full details and brochures can be obtained from the one: "Cartooning". Prices Farnley Concourse on the start at around £210 for one can be obtained from the telephone number given be-

wildlife theme and involve painting holidays can be found in Activity Holidays published by the Trotman Group at £7.95, available "Landscape Painting and Drawing", one week, full board for £172, or "Introducfrom all good bookshops, or board for £172, or "Introduc-ing Flower Painting", five days for £140.

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ing holidays can be found in Time to Learn, published by terested in learning the basic the National Institute for Contechniques of water-colour tinuing Adult Education (NIACE), 19B De Montfort Street, Leicester LE1 7GE, £2

cover a wide range of subjects: post free. Another useful source of



painting partner, comes from Trusthouse Forte which runs a number of "Painting in Watgramme in 1990. These are based in comfort-

tions like Grasmere in Cumbria and Padstow in Cornwall. Florence and Paris from £493. All are led by experienced artists. Participents pay from £89 for a weekend course, fullboard and tuition included. They also receive a Daler Rowney painting pack of materials for use during the weekend which they can take home afterwards. The nonparticipating partner pays from £66, also for two days. week courses on all aspects

from Countrywide Holidays ley Concourse, situated of Manchester at its centres at near Chichester in West Sus-Hope in the Peak District, and Hope in the Peak District, and Ambleside and Grasmere in Cumbria, from £162 to £183 per week, depending on course and location.

Painting Churches", including lectures and visits, costs a similar sum; while four days all these holidays.

> ing for Beginners" and "Water-colours for Beginners", to "Drawing for Fun" and a new week, full board, including

tuition. The Field Studies Council There are also hundreds of (FSC) is another body which painting holidays in every part includes painting among a of the country, many run by wide range of other activity activity centres or by private holidays, and sets many of artists who run classes and them at the Flatford holidays from their own Mill Study Centre, deep in homes or studios. A great the heart of Constable coun-number of painting holiday courses can be found in Lei-Many of these FSC painting sure Painter (see above).

A comprehensive list of

A further selection of paint-

information on painting and other kinds of activity holias Roy Freer and Grenville days is Let's Do It!, published by William Curtis at £2.95, available at bookshops.



"Willows, old rotten planks, slimy posts, and brickwork, I love such things . . . those scenes made me a painter and I am grateful", wrote John Constable in a letter. 1821

#### **ABROAD**

flung range of painting holi-Greece, Italy and France. These include four French painting centres, in the Auvergne at Cordes, Brantôme and Riberac, as well as that painter's dream, the fishing port of Honfleur in Nor-

Prices vary, but 16 days in Kashmir, staying at Srinagar, costs from £1,395; eight days, based at Le Cheval Blanc in Honfleur, costs from £630. Honfleur has played host to Corot, Boudin and Hamelin and these holidays aim to of Helmsley in Yorkshire, follow in the masters' foot-

same locations. The Auvergne has beautiful landscapes and here the Cox are run by Jacqueline Black, and King parties are based at Paul and Babette Deggan's studio at Montaigut, where good instruction and fine cooking cost from £985 for 19 days. This is a long holiday, but a week at the Atelier

Lombraud in Brantome costs settings as Dubrovnik in holidays from the vast choice from £565 or, for two weeks, £815. Full details on all Cox and King painting and activity holidays are available from days in Kashmir, Spain, the company at the telephone number below.

> Serenissima demonstrates the seriousness of its approach to art by having its 1990 brochure illustrated by such artists as Graham Rust and Sir Hugh Casson. Two weeks cruising and painting in the Aegean costs from £1,795, a long weekend inspection of the Thyssen art collection in Lugano costs from £740.

Something rather less expensive is available from that excellent company, Inntravel which offers painting and steps, offering painting at the drawing holidays by the River Tarn in France from £344 for seven nights. These holidays an artist who lives in France and offers tuition in oils, crayon, govache and pastels in which she specializes.

Voyages Jules Verne has a comprehensive range of paint-ing holidays in such splendid

of Mallorca, Mount Olympus in Greece and Kandersteg in Austria, as well as, for something completely

different, Gjirokaster in Albania (politics permitting). A week here in October costs from £545, a week in Venice in June from £1,149. Painting is also among the growing range of activity holi-

days, 40 in all, available from Saga Holidays of Folkestone. Trips available include a twocentre holiday in Capri and Sorrento, half-board with tuition available, from £569. Groups here are usually kept to about 20 to 25 to allow scope for plenty of personal tuition. Saga is also taking painting groups to Nerja on the Costa del Sol, 14 days from £377; in the UK, holidays available include seven nights' painting at St Ives in

Cornwall, at Rothesay in Scotland, or at Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. Prices from £171. This is only a small recommended selection of painting

Yugoslavia, Kas in southern available, Whatever your level Turkey, Selva in the moun- of ability and whatever meyou have yet to decide if painting really is for you, there are plenty of holidays and plenty of opportunities to find a style that suits you.

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consul can and cannot do to help British travellers in overseas emergeacies are available Vietnam's history and culture

are the subject of a 15-day tour from Oriental and Occidental. The tour leader on the £2,100

Eton College. Information: 01-673 1074. Lufthansa and the East Ger-

man airline Interflug are expanding air services tween the two Germanys in the summer timetable, which comes into operation on March 25. Pending government approval, Lufthansa will be raising the number of weekly flights to East Germany to 14. Interflug will operate 17 weekly connecting Liepzig and Dresden with Dusseldorf, Hamburg and Cologue/Bonn.

**Shona Crawford Poole** Travel Editor

holiday in early August will be Travellers to the Alps spent Vietnam expert Paul Cleves of most of this busiest of peak season weeks huddled indoors, shutters barred against the wind and the rain. But yesterday morning sunshine broke through at most resorts, though it continued to snow lightly in western parts of France and Switzerland. After

a woeful season, snow is here,

and in abundance.

The prospects for immediate skiing, and for this new snow lasting, are better than after the season's first major snowstorm two weeks ago. As with that weather event,

this snow was accompanied by hurricane winds and rain. The difference this time is that the rain came before the snow. This means that there is now an underlying sandwich of heavy, wet slush between the old base and the increasingly lighter layers of new snow which fell this week. Unlike

SNOW REPORT

powder. Look forward to sunny but cold days throughout the Alps, particularly in southern regions, with some new snow in the north-west.

last time, the top coating of

snow, in some places thigh-

deep, can honestly be called

The best of the snow, as usual, fell on the higher resorts in the north and the west of the Alps. The south and the east of Austria did less well, as did Cortina in Italy, which is still only 75 per cent open. Skiers, especially intermedi-

ates, will find that the large,

Chamonix, Val d'Isère and Verbier, which will be slower to open. Doug Sager

open ski fields of resorts like

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 Hamish Brown describes coast to coast walking as a "contagious disease". The author of Scotland Coast To Coast - A Long Distance Walk from Glenshiel to Arbroath (Patrick Stephens Ltd, £6.99) has clearly got the bug: Brown has done the trip 20 times. The book is the ideal companion for those wanting a challenging two-week adventure, and comes with lots of practical advice on accommodation, what to pack, bits of history to cheer you through the rough patches - and the offer of an annual undate on

information about the walk.

TRAVELBOOKS The traveller who is more interested in masonry than beaches will be grateful for a new series of "Architectural Guides for Travellers" published by Viking (£11.99 each). The first three books in the series focus on Moghal India (by G. H. R. Tillotson), Islamic Spain (Godfrey Good-win) and Classical Turkey (John Freely). Each book summarizes the history of the period and people covered, and examines their architecture and its development, with detailed descriptions of heildings of particular interest. Pictures are black and white

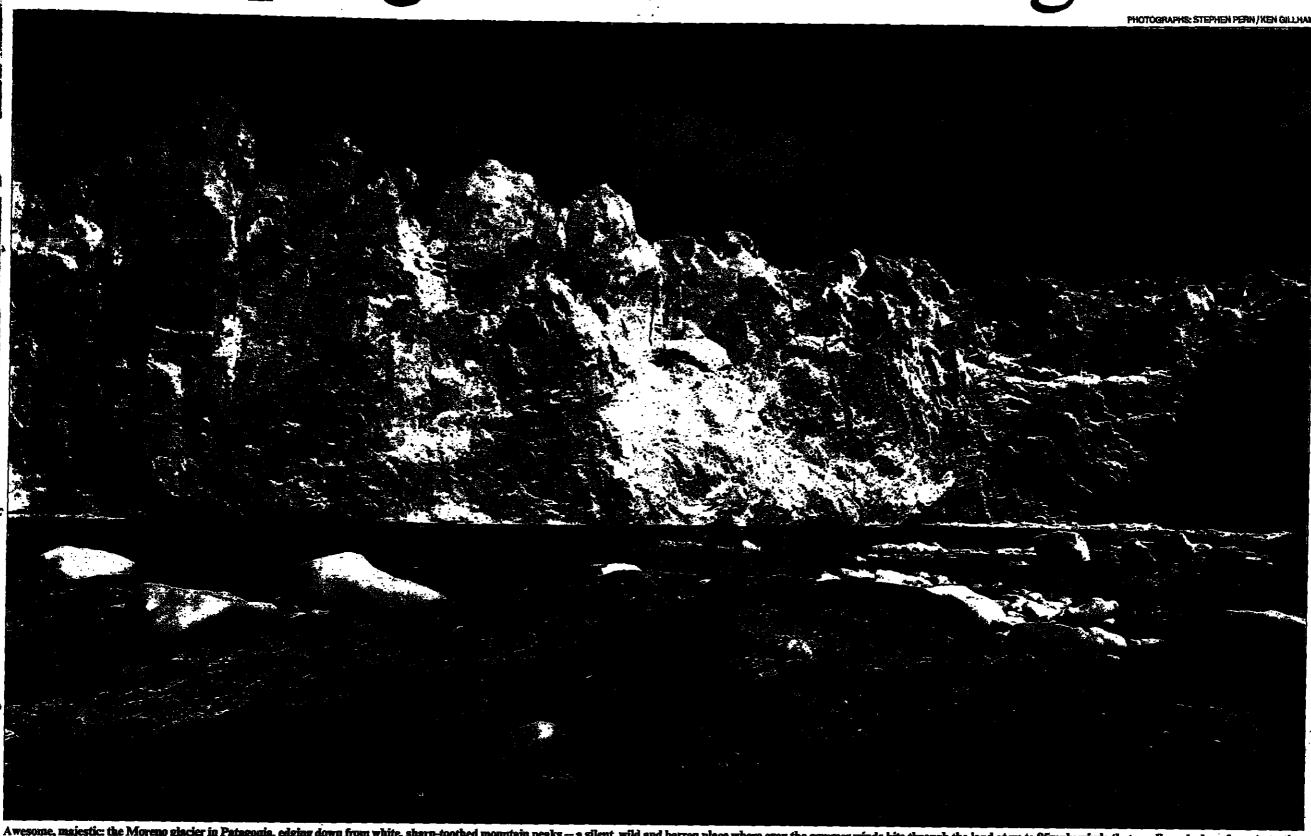
and there are maps and plans of many structures. The text is more serious than the average guidebook but is not too academic for the layman with an interest in the subject.

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Jenny Tabakoff



# Stepping ashore in Patagonia



Awesome, majestic: the Moreno glacier in Patagonia, edging down from white, sharp-toothed mountain peaks -- a silent, wild and harren place where even the summer winds bite through the land at up to 85mph; winds that smell good, clean from Antartica

efore reading Bruce Chatwin I half believed that Patagonia was located in one's emotional geography, latitude as Camelot and El Dorado; its shores were scoured by little curly seas, there were signs saying "Here be Dragons", and I was afraid.
Now that the airlines have reduced the globe to the size of a credit card, we remind each other that we know it intimately, but we are wrong. The faster we travel the further we are separated from our true destination; horizontally, we are aware, yet of the depths we remain ignorant. In Patagonia we are forced to explore these

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depths; anything less is futile. The vast plateau of Patagonia lies south of Argentina's Rio Colorado, sub-divided into the provinces of Neuquen, Rio Negro, Chubut, Santa Cruz and the Territory of Tierra del Fuego: 780,000 square miles, supporting less than one person per square mile. From Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, the southernmost 10Wn in the world, takes four to five days by sea. In December there are 19 daylight hours, with summer winds biting through the land at 70 to 85mph. You can feel this wind, smell it too; it smells good, clean from Antarctica.

I went ashore at Puerto Madryn where 153 Welsh landed off the brig Mimosa in 1865, refugees from the coal mines and from Parliament's ban on the Weish language in schools. They had no reason to like the English; what they wanted was a New Wales unsullied by Englishmen; they found it in Gaiman, 40 miles across the thorn desert in a green valley. They did not want luxury, they wanted to be Weish. And they still are.

Before heading for Gaintan I drove for three hours over a dirt track to Punta Tombo. I got one puncture and saw three guanacos, a brace of rheas and a few loopy rabbits. Nothing else; not a house, no people. Then I saw the penguinz, a hundred thousand busy Fred Astaires all decked out to dance in sleek black tailcoats.

Gaiman had become a hybrid; clinical new villas among adobe brick corneges. I called on the retired bank manager, Archie Griffiths, who, understanding my English, disdained to reply in the same tongue, keeping to Welsh and Spanish. In his shiny Ford Sierra he took me to the chapel - Agorwyd y Capel Cyniaf over the door - showing me pews carved by his grandfather, reading the Bible to me in his beautifully reschant Weish voice. A neat. kindly bachelor, he gave me les in his neat house, a clock insistently chiming away the hours of his retirement. Then he took me to meet Mrs Tegai



before the Mimosa arrived. Csemarfon he came from She had a chintz sofa and two chairs from Wales; and masses of books. She read aloud to me, extracts from Chatwin's visit to the village in the 1970s. "You writers take certain liberties," she admonished me, and went on to tell

me about the hymn-singing and local eisteddfod. On my way back to Puerto Madryn the car was buffeted by a swirling wind called polvo del diablo, devil's dust. This place seemed remote, but far from Godforsaken; there is a saying hereabouts that God is everywhere, but that His office is in Buenos Aires.

Two days later we entered the Magellan Straits and I landed at Punta Arenas in pursuit of Chatwin's relative, Charley Milward, who, around 1928, attended Matins at St James's church, sitting in a pew with a brass femule screwed on for his walking stick. Once he found, imprisMichael Watkins travels into the WITHCI TICES OF

Argentina and Chile — and sails on to the

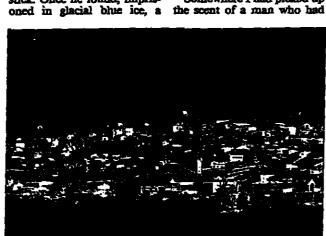
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small piece of mylodon skin. I, for my part, found St James's; and, although the pews had been renewed, I found a plaque in memory of Charles Amherst Milward

At 1184 Jose Nogveira I

also found Margaret Harper, a spinster who taught at the British School for 40 years. She remembered Charley and showed me Charley's house, a cross between a chapel and a castle, with an iron gate with crossed "M"s entwined with pre-Raphaelite lilies. She pointed out the Silesian Fathers' Museum, where a particular exhibit caught my eye; a sliver of mylodon skin looking like treasure from a schoolboy's pocket; a chunk of peanut-brittle stuck about with coarse red hairs, alive 10,000 years ago. Miss Harper's parents came from Liverpool "You will write to me, won't you?" she asked as I

took her arm across the trafficfree street to her flat. Somewhere I had picked up



Ushnaia: the old penal colony and last town before Antarctica

#### TRAVEL NOTES

 Michael Watkins flew British Airways (01-897-4000) London Michael Watkins flew British Airways (01-897-4000) London to Rio de Janeiro, returning Buenos Aires to London Heathrow; PEX fare £819 return, economy class £1,758, Club class £2,256, first class £3,445. Argentine visa required.
 His cruise, "Paths of Magellan", was with Ocean Cruise Lines, 10 Frederick Close, Stanhope Piace, London W2 2HD (01-724 7555); 16 nights aboard the Ocean Princess, including economy flights to and from London and all meals, but excluding shore excursions, from £1,995 to £3,450 per person (there is an optional excursion to Iguaza Falls at £175 per person).

 Tipping ship staff: allow about £75 per passenger. ipping snip stam: arow about 275 per passenger.
 independent travel in Patagonia is sufficiently popular in summer to lead to a shortage of hotel beds. For up-to-date information on driving conditions, accommodation and facilities for travellers, consult the latest edition of the South American Handbook (Trade and Travel Publications, £19.95). Further reading: In Patagonia by Bruce Chatwin (Picador, £3.99). Koberts, whose great-grand
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worked in the production lines ence of production line technique, having invented and administered a mobile gas oven in Nazi Germany. I searched the telephone book for his name, but he must have been ex-directory.

I had a guide in this frugal Chilean town, a lovely girl with a scrubbed complexion. She told me that she was going to university in Santiago. "It's not too difficult for you to get here," she said, "but it is very difficult for us to get away."

For the next two days my ship, the Ocean Princess, steamed through the Beagle Channel, remembered graphi-cally by Charles Darwin. It was grey and chill, the water strewn with a confetti of icefloes, glaciers edging down mountain crevices.

he only vegetation was the forests of lenga, tortured by wind into unearthly shapes, nature's political prisoners. There was silence and a terrible majesty full of menace. I would not have missed it for worlds; but it was a sober journey, there was nothing to make light of. The ship's band tried, belting out Broadway melodies, but it didn't work; it was like playing Mantovani at an execution. Ushuaia, back in Argentina

seemed the end of the world, final box-room in a great mansion. Fin del Mundo Tshirts were on sale at dejectedlooking shops. It was a shanty town, created yesterday, doomed tomorrow. There were as many dogs as people, with more than a touch of husky blood. Stiff-necked lupins struggled, a few ragged roses too; as for the rest, it was all weeds and wanton neglect. The surrounding forests, lakes and mountains were a joyous wilderness, but to live in Ushusia you would need the magination of a stone.

There was something, the rison, now used as a naval barracks. Its most celebrated inmate, Simon Radowitsky, escaped once, almost froze to death and gave himself up. There is nowhere to go, only hell. Yagham Indians lived in Ushuaia, but when the Argentine Navy came they died of measles and pneumonia.

I walked the streets, shrugging into my cost, perversely glad to be there. Waving to an armed sentry, he was momentarily thrown off balance, waving back and smiling broadly; the only smile in

I tried and failed to see over the abandoned prison. The guards were frank and friendly, innocent as farmboys; young enough to die. And I thought of the politicians, cynical and safe, playing wargames from a distance.

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